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The final goodbye – Roy and Sandra bid farewell to the Cambrian Park

by TIM CHAPMAN

'WE thought we would end our days here and then finish up at Western Cemetery not far away' – those were the emotional words of the former Cambrian Park residents' chairman Roy Thomas as he made final preparations to leave what has been his home for the last decade.

The couple, along with other residents of the park, feel they have been the victims in a Kafkaesque drama of red tape and bureaucracy.

The problem they faced was the introduction of a site licence in 2002 which dictated that in the interest of safety there should be six metre gaps between the houses, and two metres between a house and the road.

It meant people had purchased houses that fell outside the guidelines not knowing that a 1996 'draft licence' would one day be invoked.

Residents faced the choice of either pulling down the extensions to their homes and staying, or finding alternative accommodation.

Roy, Sandra and fellow residents had hoped a compromise could be found, but in October a judge upheld the site licence.

Roy explained: "It was impractical to take down extensions.

"In our case it would have meant losing the bathroom, part of the lounge, the spare bedroom and a storage room. We couldn't live without that sort of living space.

LEFT: Roy and Sandra Thomas were this week making final preparations to leave Cambrian Residents Park after living there for a decade. This Saturday, April 9 will be their last day.

"People had arrived at the park and were later put in breach of the licence, never being told about the 1996 draft."

In 2002, there were approximately 147 home owners. With current departures, Roy estimates just 11 people will remain to be relocated as the park is redeveloped.

"I am sure the park will be a nice place to live in the future when the redevelopment has taken place, but it is the end of the old Cambrian community as we knew it. We wish the people who are staying all the best for the future.

"We want to thank Jane Hutt, Mark Lang, Camilla Bevan and Robert Jones, our legal advisor, for all their help over the years.

"Jane Hutt helped us from start to finish, conducting surgeries here, and even coming up at 7pm or 8pm in the evening to find out what was happening.

"We also want to thank The GEM for keeping our plight in the spotlight.

"To everyone who helped us we want to say a big thank you."

Roy said he was grateful to the site owners for allowing them to stay until their new accommodation was sorted out.

The couple face an uncertain future. They have a two-bedroom bungalow in St Mellons to move into on a temporary basis, but one day hope to find something in Caerau.

Roy said: "It is a very sad day. We had thought we would end our days here and then finish up at Western Cemetery."

Scary fun at school!

All Saints pupils recently did something 'funny for money' - and dressed up as monsters! See more pictures on page 4.

AM warns Dinas residents as draft development plans are considered by council

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Plaid regional Assembly Member has warned that Dinas Powys and Llandough could become "one urban sprawl" if plans for the development of 400 acres of land are given the go-ahead.

Chris Franks, who lives in Dinas Powys himself, has written to local residents warning them that draft plans for development are about to be considered by the Vale Council.

The Vale Council told The GEM Mr Franks was "scaremongering" in the hope of getting re-elected.

The sites are not in the current local development plan, but their 'candidate' status means that they could be included in the next one.

Mr Franks said the document would include the allocation of land for housing, recreation, employment and other purposes.

"There have been bids by landowners, agents and house-builders for additional land to be included in the strategy.

"The council will consider each bid and then determine if it agrees to allocate the land for development.

"I understand that initially a report will go to the Vale Cabinet shortly before being opened out to public consultation.

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Solution to solving dog mess problem

I LOVE dogs and have one myself, but what I don't love is the dogs' mess all over many of the paths and walks on Rhoose Point!

It looks disgusting and is a health hazard for children. Admittedly, some of us will have forgotten to take doggie clean-up sacks on occasion, but if we are prone to forget, why not go down to a local pet shop in Barry and buy (for a small cost) a dogbone shaped keyring?

They contain doggie sacks inside which can be refilled.

It can be clipped onto your own keys, or better still, clip it on the dog's lead or harness and leave it on. One less thing to think about!

Rhoose Point is a lovely area, so it's up to us to keep it clean!

(Name and address supplied)

Llantwit Major has community spirit

I WOULD like, in The GEM, to thank the kind people who came to my rescue on Thursday, March 24, when I fell and hit my head on the stones that cover the path leading down to Llantwit beach.

I know few of their names, with the exception of Stephen Whitehead and his sister, who waited with me until my family arrived. They were all fantastic. Mr Cameron need look no farther than Llantwit Major to find community spirit.

Kath Morgan,
Llantwit Major.

NEW LLANTWIT PAVING STONES

I WISH to thank The GEM for publishing Coun John's assurances on the state of the paving slabs on the Boverton Road regeneration site.

I have observed the signs of attempted remedial work and think when the final decision is made the question should be, 'if this was mine, would I be happy with it'?

I suppose in a way it is mine, along with all the other taxpayers of Llantwit. I know what my answer would be to its present condition.

Graham Snowdon,
Llantwit Major.

'Worries about nuclear plant'

IN his letter to The GEM (March 31) Alun Cairns MP advances the crass idea of closing the small Caerphilly Magistrates Court (which is none of his business) as a means of reducing the nation's debt.

Instead, he should turn his attention to the risks of another nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset – a prime target, if ever, for future terrorists – which is his business, as it is sited within a 25-mile radius of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Roger Everest,
Talygarn

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BENEFITS OF COUNCIL CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT

OVER the recent weeks, there have been many letters quite rightly complaining about the state of the road surfacing in the Vale, but I hope that people are now seeing a repair programme in place.

At a scrutiny meeting, I suggested that any under-spend in the council budget of £900k for this financial year, should be redirected to road repairs.

This was agreed by the committee and surprisingly, the Conservative-controlled council and cabinet agreed to this proposal, despite it coming from me.

It was also suggested at the same meeting that the 2011/12 budget should include an extra one-off fund for road repairs and this has been agreed too.

On top of that, the Labour-led Welsh Assembly Government has also provided extra money to the Vale to deal with the severity of the pot holes so we should all see a difference in the road repairs.

I am also pleased to confirm that my other suggestion to reintroduce a scheme where an amount of money is set aside as a special 'Severe Weather Reserve' was also agreed by council.

This will be used when there are extreme weather conditions, such as the heavy snow and freezing conditions we experienced in the early winter, or any flooding issues that could arise during the year.

This reserve will prevent the highways maintenance budgets from being exhausted by these freak conditions, which could not have been initially budgeted for.

It only goes to show that when scrutiny is allowed to work, those of us in opposition in the council can make positive and worthwhile proposals, and for once we were heard and listened to.

Coun Neil Moore
(Labour councillor for Cadoc ward)

Face up to the hard financial facts

IT would seem that Coun Bertin (in a recent letter to The GEM) does not appreciate the seriousness of the UK's economic situation.

While it is true that much of the blame lies with bankers, these are not just our bankers, but bankers world-wide, and over whom we have hardly a jot of influence.

What is more, even Brendan Barber, the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, when interviewed a few days ago, laid as much of the blame for the situation on politicians.

I would go one step further. We, the general public, are also to blame for taking on loans for goods, services and property quite beyond our ability to pay the money back.

We also allowed levels of social services expectations to rise unchecked without insisting that high levels of personal responsibility were demanded in return for support.

As a result, since 1997 the National Debt has grown progressively until it reached a staggering level of nearly £1,000 billion by 2010, and even with the cuts, will rise further to more than £1,323 billion in 2015/16 because of interest.

The fact of the matter is that for the next four years at least, our position will worsen, not because the cuts, are too fast and too deep, but because as a nation we are spending £7 for every £6 of income and which, in reality, needs to be reduced to £5.

We must, however, stop kidding ourselves that there is a soft option and demanding treats such as a bank holiday, which we cannot afford, for the Royal Wedding.

It is just a pity that the Coalition missed this heaven sent opportunity to spell out the realities of our parlous financial position and refused to indulge us in this way.

Peter Graham-Woollard, Colwinston

Hafod's Theatre Royal plans are a good thing

I am a 73 -year-old lady and have seen the plans for the Theatre Royal and think it looks very good.

Although it is sad that the theatre is no more, it is a good thing that Hafod is going to change a very rundown building into something worthwhile that a lot of people will enjoy.

It will not only be a care home but a community for the elderly with all the facilities in one place. It will have community cafes, hairdressers and a lot more.

It also has the bus service right outside the door. I can't wait to put my name down.

It would be a better idea for a cinema to be located on the Waterfront when they start their new development.

(Name and address supplied)

PICK UP DOG POO OR FACE A FINE!

TO the people who are allowing their dogs in Barry to foul the pavement in Charter Avenue on a regular basis, I would like to say, the last straw was when it was stepped in and walked right through my home.

Local residents have had enough! If it continues you will be caught and reported. So take responsibility now and pick it up, or you will undoubtedly be fined heavily.

(Name and address supplied)

Thanks for helping dog

A BIG thank-you to the people who helped our dog at Windmill Lane on the evening of Monday, March 28.

He spent the night on a drip at the vet's surgery and is now home, albeit battered and bruised.

To all concerned, thank you.

The Edwards family,
Llantwit Major

Barnardo's Helpers Group say thank you

DURING the last year, the Barnardo's Helpers Group has made every effort to raise funds for Barnardo's Cymru, to help support handicapped and disadvantaged children and young people in Wales.

Through various events, we have provided £5,000 to head office, which is desperately needed for this vital work.

Last December, the Barry Male Voice Choir, supported by the St Athan Band, presented a concert of Christmas music and readings, which was enjoyed by a large audience.

They presented Barnardo's with a cheque for £750 as part of their annual charity work, which was much appreciated.

Other generous donations were received, with many thanks to all contributors.

The work continues with summer events and we thank our many followers for their loyal support and look forward to another busy year.

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(Secretary)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

St Cannas Church, Llangan

WORK is progressing on the restoration of the former school room at St Cannas.

A wealth of archaeological finds have been unearthed, including what is believed to be human remains dating back to Roman times.

I understand the skeletons will be interred at a future ceremony.

Easter services

THE following services wil take place during the Easter period;

Sunday April 17, Palm Sunday, 9.15am breakfast in Williams Memorial Hall, followed by procession with Pip the donkey to St Crallo's.

During Holy Week, April 18-21, do go and visit the interactive walk-round to experience Easter in St Crallo's

Maundy Thursday, 8pm in St Crallo's, Eucharist and watch in the garden until midnight.

Good Friday, 10am, children's service in St Crallo's, 1-2pm, preaching of the passion - Bishop David Yeoman, 2-3pm, liturgy of the passion.

Easter day, 5.15am, dawn service with breakfast at St Mary Hill Church; 10.30am, benefice festival eucharist St Crallo's; 6.30pm, Easter songs of praise at St Cannas, break open the alleluia egg!

Royal wedding day

TREOES village hall will be hosting a concert by the 'Blues Brothers' on April 29.

Tickets £5, 7.30pm until late, telephone 01656 650383.

Bike stolen from Cowbridge garage

POLICE in Cowbridge are investigating the burglary of a garage at a house on Millfield Drive sometime between 3pm on Sunday April 3 and 8.30am on Tuesday April 5.

Access was forced to the garage and a specialised Enduro Pro mountain bike, worth around £2,500, was stolen. The bicycle is an unusual model and has a black frame with white writing. The quick release lever for the seat is a shiny red colour as is the handlebar tightening nut.

Cowbridge Neighbourhood PCSO Hilary O'Callaghan said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen this bicycle or who may have any information about this incident.

"I also want to remind residents of the need to be vigilant at this time of year. "

Easter event

BARRY Island Primary School PTA is holding an Easter event on Sunday, April 10, 10.30am–12 noon at the school.

There will be an Easter Hunt, arts and crafts, and performances by the school choir and dance group.

Money is being raised for reading equipment and interactive reading aids.

Tickets can only be bought in advance from the school. Telephone 01446 733807 for more information.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	10.19	9.3	22.33	9.1
08 Fri	10.48	8.9	23.03	8.9
09 Sat	11.25	8.6	23.40	8.5
10 Sun	12.04	8.1	00.28	8.1
11 Mon	13.02	7.7	00.27	8.1
12 Tues	13.02	7.7		
13 Wed	03.03	7.7	15.56	7.7
14 Thur	04.30	8.2	17.1	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Pride in Barry is recognised as an example of Welsh democracy

by TIM CHAPMAN

IN the past few months a number of projects have begun in the town thanks to regeneration funding being allocated.

In all, it is hoped the town will benefit to the tune of £9million.

Last week, the campaigning organisation that spearheaded efforts to get investment in Barry was recognised at the Senedd.

Pride In Barry ran a successful four year campaign to obtain funding for the Barry regeneration programme and the chairman, Paul Haley, was invited to the launch of a new booklet highlighting how the petitions committee carries out its work and can lead to successful conclusions.

Pride in Barry made presentations to the committee highlighting the town's needs which set in motion the town's case for public investment.

At the event on March 29, the petition committee chair, Christine Chapman AM, praised the work of Pride In Barry in raising local needs and giving evidence to argue for funding.

The petitions booklet which is entitled 'Petitioning: Bringing your Issues to Light' presents the Pride in Barry petition and evidence as a case study to encourage others to consider using the democratic process.

Mr Haley said: "It is a great honour for Pride In Barry to have been selected and then highlighted as an exemplar from the 215 petitions heard.

"The granting of regeneration area status and the accompanying £9million of funding was entirely due to our petition and the process that enabled us to have a voice and be heard."

The booklet explains that Pride in Barry "called for regeneration funding for the town" adding:

"We took oral evidence from the petitioner, and felt it was an issue that needed further investigation, so we referred it to the Enterprise and Learning Committee.

"They held a formal meeting in Barry, taking evidence from the petitioner and the Welsh Government. This was followed by an 'open-mic' session.

"The Enterprise and Learning Committee recommended that Barry merited serious consideration for future regeneration support, and the report was debated by the full Assembly."

AM's concerns over Dinas Powys development options

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Mr Franks added: "This would have a major impact on the east Vale, changing the character of the area, with potentially around 400 acres covered by the bids in the Dinas Powys area, mainly for housing.

"Much of this land is between Eastbrook, Penyturnpike, Cardiff Road and Llandough. In addition, there are substantial bids for development to the south of Dinas Powys towards Sully and two fields adjacent to Caerleon Road."

Mr Franks explained the notion of development had been lost "in the mists of time" after Llandow in the western Vale was subject to a legal inquiry.

He added: "Dinas Powys and Llandough could cease to become distinctive communities, and become one urban sprawl. The impact on the road network would be huge."

He added: "I would be pleased to hear the views of the public on what is being proposed.

However, Coun Jeffery James, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, stressed the proposal of sites did not mean they would feature in the local development plan (LDP) and said the timing of the comments was more than a coincidence.

He insisted: "The submission of candidate sites for consideration is part of the LDP process that is required by the Welsh Assembly Government.

"The submission of such sites should not be interpreted as a commitment from the council that such sites will be included in the LDP, and Mr Franks should be well aware that until the sites have all been evaluated, no decisions will be made as to whether or not they are to figure in the LDP.

"Once this evaluation has been undertaken, full consultation will be carried out by the council on the contents of its draft plan."

Coun James went on: "In any event, the information highlighted by Mr Franks has been available as a published register for nearly three years, and I fail to understand why it has taken Mr Franks until now to express such an interest in this matter.

"One can only assume that it has something to do with the Assembly elections on May 5. It is extremely worrying and inappropriate that an Assembly Member should employ such scaremongering tactics in the hope of getting re-elected."

Residents can view more information by logging on to http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/living/planning/planning_policy/local_development_plan/candidate_sites.aspx.

Choir's fayre

A SPRING fayre is being held on Saturday, April 16 at Wenvoe Church Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Many stalls will be selling anything from food to jewellery, to fancy goods and 'knick-knacks'.

Admission is £1.50, including tea/coffee and cake.

Proceeds in aid of Barry Ladies' Choir; tickets from choir members or at the door. ***CW***

Choir to perform in Penarth

THIS Saturday, April 9 at 7.30pm in St Augustine's Church, Penarth, Cantemus Chamber choir Wales will perform for the first time under new music director Huw Williams.

Cantemus has gained an enviable reputation for accurate and stylish performances of the chamber choir repertoire. The concert is dedicated to performances of British music written for Passiontide.

Tickets (£16 full price; £12 concessions) are available by telephoning 0787 027 6427, via the web at info.cantemus@mac.com or at the door.

SOCA welcomes Vale committee decision

THE Save Our Cinema Association has welcomed a decision by the Vale planning committee to make a site visit to the Theatre Royal prior to making any decision on whether a new development should go ahead.

Hafod Care wants to build an Extra Care facility on what was the site of the old cinema.

The planning committee next meets on April 14, but has decided to make a visit before that meeting.

Paul Sutton of SOCA said: "We think it is positive that the councillors wish to go to the site, and hopefully we have got our view across.

"We think that by going along they will get a mental picture of the size of the proposed complex which will concern them."

SOCA argues Extra Care would be better located at the Waterfront.

A Pencoedtre residents' association is to be formed

FOLLOWING a recent community meeting arranged by Vale MP Alun Cairns and Assembly candidate Angela Jones-Evans, Pencoedtre village residents said they were in favour of creating a residents' association for the area.

More than 30 people attended the meeting held at St Richard Gwyn School, with many others notifying the MP's office that they were keen to support the formation of the association, but were unable to attend the meeting.

Those who attended the meeting agreed to call another meeting in the near future to formalise the agreement to create the new group. The name agreed upon for the new group was Pencoedtre Village Action Group.

Angela Jones-Evans said: "At the meeting we heard and discussed many issues and concerns raised by the residents about the Pencoedtre village area. Issues included concern over litter, lack of sufficient post boxes for the area, car parking and road signage complaints."

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All Saints' pupils put the frighteners on for Red Nose Day!

RED Nose Day proved a huge success at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School when to 'Do Something Funny for Money', staff and pupils dressed as monsters for a day of scary fun!

Infant teachers, Mrs Martin and Mrs Evans, negotiated the length of the climbing wall for sponsorship money and, not to be outdone, Mr Ball did the task wearing a blindfold!

Headteacher Richard Ware said he was "very proud" of the effort everyone put in to support this worthy cause as, including collections, sponsorships and the sale of 214 red noses, over £500 was raised.

A very scary group from All Saints' School!

Included in the photograph are Gavin James; Claire James (Ashgrove parent governor); Louise, Brandon and Jack; Roger Pugsley (managing director of Fordthorne); James Bishop; Alun Cairns MP.

'30 hour' car challenge for Ashgrove School

VALE MP Alun Cairns, is assisting the '30 hour Car Challenge', a fundraising event to build a unique custom car from a standard model in 30 hours in aid of Ashgrove School.

Ashgrove supports children with 'autistic spectrum disorder' and the money raised will build a sensory room for the pupils.

The challenge is the brainchild of local businessman James Bishop, director of Section-59 Ltd in Barry. The company specialises in the supply of modified car parts and accessories.

The challenge to create a 'best of class custom car' came about when, as a parent of children attending Ashgrove School in Penarth, James was made aware of a need to raise funds for a new sensory room for the pupils.

Ashgrove School provides specialist education for children aged from three to 19-years-old It aims to provide a caring atmosphere in which each child is encouraged to develop effective communication, social and independence skills and achieve his or her full academic potential.

With his sons' passion for cars linked to his own business interests, Mr Bishop came up with the idea of creating a truly unique custom car which could be used as the main prize in a competition.

The idea developed and now has pride of place at the Modified Nationals, the UK's largest indoor and outdoor annual custom car show held in Peterborough in May.

The tight time-frame of 30 hours has been imposed to increase the challenge for Mr Bishop and his team. The standard 2003 Mark 6 Fiesta, provided by locally-owned Fordthorne, will be on view for all to see at the show on Friday, May 27, with Mr Bishop's team given only 30 hours to complete the make-over by the Sunday afternoon and the end of the show.

Every element of the modified car parts and accessories have all been donated by suppliers and manufacturers in support of Ashgrove School sensory room. The target for the 30 hour Challenge is £50,000.

Mr Bishop explained: "My son Brandon has been diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum, which means that he finds it difficult to learn and interact with other children, and has difficulty in expressing his thoughts and feelings without getting frustrated and losing his temper.

"Brandon's brother, Jack, has autism and is a full-time pupil at Ashgrove School in Penarth. I really want to help this fantastic school deliver an even better environment for all its pupils.

"The state-of-the-art sensory room would provide a fantastic learning area for all the students."

Alun Cairns added: "James' idea to create such a fantastic custom car to raise funds for Ashgrove is tremendous.

"I'd urge everyone to buy a ticket, to not only support a very worthwhile cause, but to get a chance to own what promises to be a show-stopping car."

To donate, purchase tickets or simply find out more information visit www.30hourchallenge.co.uk.

CASTLELAND FOOTBALLERS' 'CAR WASH' FOR CLUB FUNDS

Some of the young people at Friday Club.

CHILDREN and young people from the Thompson Street estate and surrounding area had a busy time fundraising for the Castleland Football Club and for Comic Relief Red Nose day.

Castleland Football Club raised more than £60 washing cars at Home Bargains in support of the club! Washing even included two electric wheelchairs which proved a challenge to our young washers!

The event was organised by volunteer coaches Matthew and Tanya Dee with help from Rob Rideout.

Thanks to Home Bargains who agreed the use of their car park for the event and later on in the year have agreed to a sponsored bag packing day to help raise more funds!

Thanks also to Morrisons, Halfords Focus and Holloways for donating the materials needed!

The following week, children at our regular Friday Night Club donated their 30p subs and tuck shop funds to Comic Relief Red Nose day. Handmade red noses were worn and the tuck shop had special red nose cakes!

We raised more than £30 and had a lot of fun!

A Castleland Football Club spokesman said: " It was good to see children using their own initiative to raise funds for much needed equipment and travel costs to matches and to raise funds for other children in need."

If you would like to know more about Castleland Football Club or our Friday Night Club please contact: Drop In Centre on 01446 403549.

Tanya Dee

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Extra details are revealed on Tesco plans for Dinas

by TIM CHAPMAN

VALE MP Alun Cairns has had a meeting with supermarket giant Tesco to find out more about their plans for an Express store on Castle Drive in Dinas Powys.

Earlier this year, The GEM revealed that Tesco had bought the site of the Castle Oak pub with a view to development.

At the time, local traders expressed fears as to the future of their businesses.

One shop owner, Jan Mapstone, who has run Valley View Fruit Stores since 1997 with husband Tony, commented: "If Tesco does move in, it would have a big knock-on effect in terms of our local suppliers."

Last week, Mr Cairns met a senior representative of Tesco to discuss more of what was planned in Dinas.

Mr Cairns said he expressed his objections, and informed Tesco of the concerns and alarm that local traders had about the arrival of the new store.

The supermarket chain confirmed that its aim is to open the new Express store in Castle Drive in June this year.

It will be placing a planning application with the Vale Council in the next two weeks involving minor alterations to the former pub.

The retailer also confirmed that it would be meeting with representatives of the local community council on Thursday, April 14, at which local politicians, residents and business owners could raise their concerns directly with Tesco.

'ACCESS FOR ALL'

Mr Cairns said: "Having met Tesco last week, I was pleased that they agreed to give me advance notice of the product range they plan to stock in the Tesco Express in Dinas Powys. I will share this with local traders in due course, so that they can be prepared for the new competition.

"Tesco confirmed that there would be a limited range of fruit and vegetables for sale in store, as they have in other Tesco Express stores. I hope this means that the Valley View Fruit Stores doesn't lose any of their customers.

"They told me that they will be making improvements to the car park at the rear of the shops by tidying up the area and resurfacing the car park.

"However in reality I'm sure that shoppers will still use the lay-by parking situated directly outside the existing local shops.

"They also agreed to make the new car park available to the other shops on Valley View."

Mr Cairns said he had also acted on an issue which had been raised by the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

"I also raised a request made to me by the local RNIB group – to ask Tesco to fund a pedestrian crossing on Murch Road to help with access for all to the shopping area in Valley View.

"Tesco agreed to consider this, and will raise the matter with the Vale planning and transportation department."

One point raised by Dinas Powys councillors at the time Tesco was revealed as a bidder for the Castle Oak was that pubs were being squeezed by supermarket prices, only for supermakets to take over pubs that were put up for sale.

In Rhoose, The Mayflower public house became a Tesco store.

On the topic of pub takeovers, Mr Cairns commented: "I have called for a change in the planning laws in Wales, to follow a similar process to that in England, which would be more restrictive on converting pubs into retail outlets.

"Full planning permission would then have to be sought for a change of use."

Victoria Park relives the war years with local 'living historians'

Jane Hutt AM examines an incendiary bomb under the watchful eye of an Air Raid Warden.

A HIGHLIGHT of the recent Barry at War group 'Snapshots of Barry during WW2' exhibition at Victoria Park was the 'meet the people of the past' day which brought history to life.

It bridged the generation-gap as living historians and older visitors to the event explained to the younger generation what life was like in Barry during the dark days of the Second World War.

Organiser Ade Pitman said: "It was great to see the event so well attended, and to see how interested the kids were in what the older generation had to say.

"As historians, we still have a unique opportunity to capture the stories of the war years, and our first 'meet the people of the past event' could be said to have captured as much information as our 'Snapshots of Barry during the Second World War' gave out.

"The event seemed really popular, and hopefully inspired our younger visitors, which we hope will make teaching history to them a little easier."

A guest at the event was Vale AM and Assembly Finance Minister Jane Hutt, who embraced the theme, standing in for wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

Jane Hutt said: "It was a great honour and privilege to be asked to inspect the 'people of the past' on parade at the Barry during the Second World War Exhibition. I learnt a great deal from these 'living historians' as they told me about the roles they would have played in wartime Barry.

"The Home Guard and Air Raid Warden explained how they would have helped people deal with the thousands of bombs that were dropped on the town, and the Women's Land Army re-enactor explained the 'vinegar cake' that visitors could taste. This was made of a mix of milk, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar instead of using an egg, because eggs were rationed and in short supply.

"The role of the Americans stationed in Barry was also important, leading to many GI Brides from Barry moving to the USA, and it was great to hear more about the Women's Land Army, who played their part in feeding the nation.

"Congratulations to all those who took part and are helping bring the history of Barry during the war years into our lives today."

Barry at War group contributor, Terry Spierling said: "Our group aims to preserve and promote the town's wartime heritage, with particular attention to the effect on the town's people. We don't seek to glorify war, but to show the effect that this has had on the people at home."

A visitor to Victoria Park meets some people of the past.

A Home Guard member and an Air Raid Warden in Victoria Park.

Terry continued: "We'd like to hear from people who have an interest in this aspect of the town's history, and from schools if they would like to access our research to support the teaching of local history.

"We're now working on plans to attend the heritage events in Barry throughout the summer, and some exciting longer term local history projects."

The Barry at War group is now busy contacting everyone who wanted to share their wartime experiences, and preparing for a further exhibition in September.

To find out more about Barry`s wartime history, visit the group's website, www.barryatwar.info

Dinas treasure hunt to raise Eisteddfod cash

THE initial fundraising event of the Dinas Powys National Eisteddfod 2012 Committee was a success.

The fish and chip supper evening held at The Star, Dinas Powys on Friday, March 14, led to a total of £500 being raised, thanks to the generosity of the proprietors, the staff and those who attended.

The next event, to be held on April 16 is a family treasure hunt.

The walk around Dinas Powys, to uncover historical facts and secrets, will begin at St Mary's Catholic Church, Edith Road, Dinas Powys at 2pm and end at The Star, the Square, Dinas Powys. The cost per group will be £5 and everyone is welcome.

Further details may be obtained from: Gwenllian on 02920 704078or Jayne on 02920 513500.

The event will have to be postponed if it is raining.

Donate food – and enjoy a workout!

THIS April, Curves, the women-only fitness centre in Barry, is aiming to collect as much non-perishable food as possible for distribution to the poorest and most vulnerable families via the Food Bank.

Ela Gamgee, the manager and owner of Barry Curves, said: "In many families, women tend to be the decision-makers and yet, when a family is in crisis, it is difficult to stay in control.

"Curves believes passionately in empowering women. In particular, we want women to empower other women. This is why it feels so right that we join this campaign by encouraging those who can afford to donate, to do so. People receiving the food can then also receive help from a range of other support services."

She added: "All women have to do is to bring their donation of non-perishable food to Barry Curves at The Business Centre, Cardiff Road, Barry (01446 731222) and Curves will waive the service fee as a 'Thank you'.

"You will then be able to take advantage of the club's facilities and its unique 30-minute workout!"

Big John to tell his 'uplifting story' at literary festival

by TIM CHAPMAN

JOHN HARTSON, the former Welsh international footballer, who played for Arsenal and Celtic, is the latest big name to commit himself to the Cowbridge Literary Festival.

The festival – the first of its kind in the Vale – will run from May 16–22, and a key objective is to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

One of the festival organisers, Stella Cheeseman, explained why it was appropriate for John to make an appearance at the festival.

"John will be talking about his new book 'Please Don't Go – Big John's Journey Back to Life'

"It is John's truly inspirational account of how he managed to overcome a very aggressive form of cancer, and will offer hope and courage to others affected by the disease.

"It is a touching and ultimately uplifting insight into the bravery of the popular football hero, who has fought back to full health in the face of adversity."

John's talk will be the first event in the festival, and will take place at the Bear Hotel on May 16 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £4 and are available from Stella Cheeseman on 01446 774827 and Ron O'Leary on 01446 774986.

Other big names lined up for the festival include Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's former spokesman in Number 10 Downing Street, local thriller writer, Belinda Bauer and BBC Wales television presenter Jamie Owen.

For further information on the Cowbridge Book Festival, please go to www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk.

Autistic teenager's mother drives 90 miles day to take him to his college in Sully

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE mother of an autistic teenager is having to travel 90 miles a day to take him to college – because she claims she is unable to get help from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) special needs transport department.

Mrs Ann Telling, who lives in Acland Road, Bridgend, drives her son David all the way to Beechwood College in Sully three times a week.

The trip is 45 miles there and back, and with a pick-up required six hours later, it means she clocks up 90 miles in a single day.

Six years ago, when the family first lived in Bridgend, David attended Heronsbridge School, but Mrs Telling said that it did not provide the sort of help that David needed, so when the family returned to Bridgend after a spell in Lancashire, she applied for a place at Beechwood.

"Careers Wales helped with the application although I don't think they were happy we were applying. They initially didn't apply for transport help – I believe because the man thought we wouldn't be successful in getting in.

"They only applied last July when they knew David had got a place and was starting in September."

Mr Telling was made redundant in February 2009, and the family are reliant on benefits.

Now, they have spent the last of their savings on a car to take David to Beechwood.

"We take him three days a week, but after Easter that goes up.

"With the cost of fuel going up, we need transport help more than ever. David cannot access public transport because he has sensory processing disorder.

"The Assembly Member Peter Black was helpful and wrote to BCBC and the Assembly.

"However, we have been told David doesn't qualify for help from social services because he is 18 and his IQ is over 70."

Mrs Telling believes special needs transport should provide transport until David is 19.

ABOVE: David Telling flanked by mum Ann and father Alan.

Despite suffering from Asperger's syndrome, David enjoys playing computer games, watching You Tube, cooking, and rock-climbing – the latter an activity inspired at Beechwood.

Mrs Telling says the college helped to build up David's confidence and she feels it is likely to be able to take him onto a new level of development.

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A spokesman for Careers Wales said the organisation understood that transport to college was a concern for parents because of the impact on access to education.

"Careers Wales has responsibility for preparing and submitting applications for funding for specialist college placements to the Welsh Assembly and we deal with a number of these each year.

"We were surprised and disappointed to read that Mrs Telling felt that we were not happy that her son was applying for a specialist college placement.

"The advisers who supported David and his family through the process were in regular contact with them and worked diligently to gather supporting information and present a strong case that secured the funding for David to attend Beechwood College in Sully."

The spokesman continued: "We wrote to BCBC on behalf of the family to request a taxi to transport David to college promptly after receiving verbal notification that the funding for Beechwood had been approved.

"It would not have been possible for us to support David in applying for assistance with transport at an earlier point, as funding for a college place must be secured before an application is made.

"In the two months following the initial application for transport funding, we contacted the local authority and the Assembly's Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills on numerous occasions to press home the importance of David getting a taxi for his journey from Bridgend to Sully."

The spokesman said advisers were in touch with Mrs Telling on a weekly basis to keep her up to date with the situation.

He added: "Providing transport funding for students in education over the age of 16 is at the discretion of the local authority.

"When BCBC made the decision to refuse the request for a taxi, we understood that the authority offered financial assistance for the family to transport David to college themselves."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "David was a pupil at Heronsbridge School, but left in February 2008 when his family moved from the area.

"On their return to the area the family chose to secure a further education place in Beechwood College, Sully with the support of Careers Wales and did not approach the LEA regarding his placement or statement of 'special educational needs'.

"The move into further education caused an automatic lapse in his statement and means the authority is no longer responsible for David as a student or for his transport."

The spokesperson added: "The family may wish to contact the college itself, who may be able to provide some financial assistance for David's transport. We wish David well in his further education."

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The group from across the Vale gather outside Nash Lighthouse in memory of the Frolic *steamer disaster.*

Frolic disaster is remembered

ON a bright, if chilly day, people across the Vale congregated at Nash Point lighthouse to commemorate the 180th anniversary of the loss of the *Frolic* paddle steamer on the Nash Sands on March 17, 1831.

A short talk was followed by a tour of the lighthouse and a sounding of the fog horn, as a salute to all those who died on our shores all those years ago.

Meanwhile, two days before (the day the *Frolic* left Haverfordwest on her last fateful journey) a wreath was cast on the west Afon Cleddau in Haverfordwest by local civic dignatories and members of local history groups outside the Bristol Trader inn on the quay.

A plaque to commemorate this sad event is due to be unveiled outside the pub in the near future. I would like to convey my thanks to members of the public, local and national libraries as well as the local press for their kind assistance in this project.

BRIAN KEITCH

'Be vigilant at the cash machine' warn police

SOUTH WALES Police are reminding members of the public to remain vigilant whenever they use cash machines to access their bank accounts after a cloning device was found on a supermarket ATM in Penarth.

The device, which was discovered on Friday, March 25, attached to an ATM at Tesco, Penarth Marina, consisted of a small camera which recorded pin numbers and adhesive strips that retained the card once it was fitted into the slot.

It has been recovered by officers for forensic examination.

Safer Vale crime reduction tactical advisor PC Dick Collins has visited all banks, building societies and supermarkets in the area to advise them of the incident and to issue appropriate advice.

PC Collins said: "These untoward methods can cause a great deal of worry and distress, so we would ask the public to please inform family, friends, and neighbours regarding this incident and to remain vigilant when using any cash machine.

"If you notice anything suspicious, report it to your bank and to the police immediately."

Penarth Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Chris Owen said: "If you know who is responsible for this or have any information at all, please call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Call for action on Wick Post Office

WITH the closure last week of Wick Post Office, Assembly Member Jane Hutt has called for urgent action from the Post Office to find a new manager and to recoup funding from the Post office grant.

She explained: "The Post Office has told me it is committed to operating a service in the area and is doing all it can to reinstate the service to the community.

"I have also asked the Welsh Assembly for details on how it will recover this funding."

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

THE latest Barrivale results are as follows:

Tuesday, March 20 – First, Maureen Charlton and Helen Jordan 60 per cent. In second place were Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews (58.33) and in third were Denis Mottram and Noelle Bond (57.5). Maureen and Helen also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

PACT meetings

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel on April 26 at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT, the Fire Station, Druids Green on April 11 at 7pm.

BONVILSTON Coffee & Chat, the Red Lion Public House on April 12 at 11am.

PENDOYLAN Community Council Meeting, at Pendoylan Primary School on April 14 at 7.45pm.

LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT, at Ewenny Village Hall on April 20 at 7pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, back room of the Windsor Public House on April 21 at 7pm.

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Helping to boost the construction industry with Master Builders

BOOSTING the construction industry in Wales was the message from all the speakers at the Federation of Master Builders Reception in the Senedd last week.

We gathered to hear their message about the need to improve access to procurement in public sector contracts in Wales for schools, hospitals, housing, transport and maintenance.

As Finance Minister, I was able to report on the action we had taken as a Government in Wales to maintain the capital programme throughout 2010-11 despite the capital funding cuts imposed by the UK Government last June.

Instead of making those cuts, we used our 'end of year flexibility' funds to meet the capital reduction of £49m, enabling us to go ahead with the contracts for our public sector capital programme.

During the second half of the year, we managed our finances so tightly, with close monitoring of programme spend, and we were able to lever another £47m into capital spending for diagnostic equipment like scanners and disabled facilities grants, as well as school and hospital refurbishment and pothole road maintenance.

That careful financial management enabled us to make further provision for next year's capital programme with a statement in the middle of March by myself, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, that we were going to be able to bolster our capital programme by 8 per cent next year, with a further £105m of spending announcements.

This was widely welcomed as we face a 25 per cent cut in our capital programme by the UK Government next year.

This vital additional investment represents a major boost to infrastructure investment and the construction industry in Wales.

We have always said that our priorities in this budget round would be to protect the vulnerable and support our economic recovery with investment in schools, skills and capital programmes investing in roads and railways, as well as schools, hospitals and housing.

This means a great deal in the Vale, with announcements made for a new Stroke Unit, new EMI Unit and new Adult Mental Health Acute Unit in the multi-million spending plans for Llandough Hospital, and funding for the second phase of the Children's Hospital included.

I have been working hard to safeguard the investment in the Penarth Learning Community and Llantwit Major Comprehensive School following the substantial Welsh Assembly Government investment in the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Last week, I received confirmation from the Education Minister that £750,000 was awarded to the Vale Council for feasibility work in respect of Llantwit Major School, leading to the inclusion of the school in the Welsh Assembly Government 21st Century Schools Programme, as part of a long-term national investment plan for Wales.

I have pressed the Vale Council to play their part in upgrading and refurbishing the school for essential works this year, using funds allocated by the Welsh Assembly Government for such purposes.

As a result of our Budget for the next three years, which safeguards funding for regeneration and social services, we are maintaining our commitment to the £9m Barry Regeneration Programme with no cuts, and safeguarding our £2m Rural Development Plan in the Vale.

The construction sector has welcomed our approach. The Federation of Master Builders are playing their part in supporting the community benefits clauses we have introduced and we were glad to applaud one of their young apprentices, Matthew Williams from Dinas Powys, a carpenter who has just won the UK Apprentice of the Year award, putting Wales on the map for investment in skills and young people.

The public and private sector can work together in this way to boost our investment in skills, the construction industry and the regeneration of local communities and the economy of Wales.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM

(Assembly Minister for Finance

School's floral display will be on show

LLANCARFAN School has entered the RHS Spring Show in Bute Park, Cardiff, with a wheelbarrow entitled 'Bee-Fantastic'.

The wheelbarrow, pictured above, shows the important role that bees play in pollination and is full of scented plants, herbs and vegetables that the children have grown themselves.

Pottery bees, made by class 3, fly on the wings of the barrow.

There are 75 entries this year and the children hope that visitors will vote for their wheelbarrow.

Candidate backs drilling site visit

THE Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale has welcomed a delay in the decision to grant planning permission for drilling to test for shale gas in Llandow.

The Vale Council planning committee decided to carry out a site visit at its meeting last Thursday. The visit will take place on April 14.

Dr Ian Johnson said: "A site visit and technical information will put Vale councillors in a better position to make a decision."

MUSIC FOR LOCAL SAMARITANS GROUP

A CONCERT in aid of the Bridgend Samaritans is being held at All Saints Church, Pen-y-Fai, on Saturday, May 14, featuring mixed choir 'Noteworthy' and guest soloist Claire Delaney.

Tickets cost £6, and can be obtained from a choir member on 01656 733542, or Leah on 01656 722536. The choir and soloist are not charging for their services and all proceeds will go to Bridgend Samaritans.

COWBRIDGE FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

Neighbours – we all need those good neighbours!

AT the March meeting, the guest speaker was Glynis Somerville, the Llantwit Major and Rural Vale Good Neighbour scheme co-ordinator, who outlined to members what was available through Age Concern.

This was a very informative talk, with members enquiring about various schemes that were available.

After the talk, members then put their artistic talents to making Easter cards and everyone made their own personalised card. I think everyone was pleased with their efforts.

Tea, sandwiches and cakes were served before members made their way home. At the next meeting, members will be trying armchair bowls.

For more information on the Friendship Club, telephone 01656 668446.

Pat Smith

Barry blazes trail for new sunbed law

VALE AM Jane Hutt has welcomed the new Sunbeds Act 2010, which was one of the last pieces of legislation to be passed before the end of the Assembly term last week.

The Act came into force on April 8, introducing a ban on sunbed businesses offering or allowing under-18s to use sunbeds on their premises.

The Act gives Ministers the powers to introduce regulations on the control on sunbed use following the shocking incident in a Barry sunbed business, causing burns to an under-18-year-old.

Julie Morgan took this up when she was an MP and steered the legislation through Parliament, to be implemented by the Welsh Assembly Government. A six-month period has to be provided to allow businesses and local authorities to prepare for this ban so the new law will be enforced on October 31, 2011.

Jane Hutt said: "This started in Barry and I praise the family who took this up, resulting in a ban on sunbed use for the under-18s."

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VALE GRAZIERS IN LINE FOR GRANTS

GRAZIERS in the Vale are being warned they risk losing a lot of money if they don't stake a claim for a new grant in time – and it could mean thousands of pounds each.

According to the people administering the £5 million Glastir project, time is rapidly running out for graziers to put their name down.

The scheme has been set up to fund a new system to support the management and grazing of common land. Missing the April 28 deadline could mean an expensive double whammy for the graziers.

But for those who meet the deadline there are 'double benefits' on offer in 2012 when the new payments scheme will operate alongside the Tir Mynydd scheme it replaces.

The project is being run by a network of rural regeneration agencies, Cadwyn Clwyd, PLANED and Menter Mon. They have 18 commons development officers (CDOs) on hand across Wales – all from farming or land management backgrounds.

It is their job to advise and guide those with eligible grazing rights on common land to tap into the scheme.

A CDO supervisor, Dan Delaney, said: "The Commons Land Element is a stand-alone scheme and if you are a commons grazier and you want to be in the scheme, April 28 is a very important deadline.

"If you want access to more grants for the higher levels of the scheme for specific projects then you have to be within the CLE scheme – if you do not register an expression of interest by April 28 you will not proceed this year."

The key is to set up or re-constitute existing grazier associations who will administer the new Glastir common land scheme in contract with Welsh Assembly Government.

In return for the money graziers have to abide by a Commons Code and choose one of two options – withdraw stock from commons grazing for 90 days in the winter (November to March) or agree a minimum and maximum grazing density.

Associations will be responsible for maintaining and administering grazing on the common, for which they receive payment of £33.60 per hectare for eligible common land within 'less favoured areas' (LFAs) with £5.60 for admin and legal costs, and £28 per hectare outside LFAs.

Graziers in the Vale interested in expressing an interest in the Glastir scheme should contact Berry Coffman either by emailing her at berry.coffman or by ringing her on 07990 761384.

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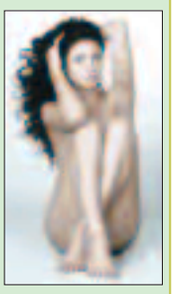

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'Repeatedly putting its workers at risk'

Llandow roofing company failed to keep workers safe

A VALE roofing company has been sentenced after repeatedly putting its workers at risk by ignoring urgent orders to improve safety.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) issued a Prohibition Notice to CFR Flat Roofing after finding employees were being put at risk of a potentially fatal fall from height.

Three workers were spotted replacing tiles on a sloping roof near an unprotected gable end of a three-storey building at Thornhill Court in Cardiff on August 5, 2010.

Cardiff Magistrates Court heard the employees were working between eight and 10 metres above the ground. A visiting HSE inspector issued the notice, ordering work to stop immediately until safety barriers were put in place on the roof.

HSE told the court that CFR Flat Roofing had previously received a prohibition notice for breaching the Work at Height regulations in January 2010, and had been made aware of their duties under regulations.

However, on the return visit, HSE found the firm had again failed to ensure work at height was carried out safely with suitable equipment, and no precautions were in place to prevent any of their three employees from falling off the roof.

Martin Nealon, trading as CFR Flat Roofing, of Vale Business Park, Llandow, in the Vale, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 6(3) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005, and was fined £5,985 and ordered to pay costs of £1,800.

HSE inspector, Simon Breen commented: "Falls from height are the single biggest cause of fatalities in the construction industry. CFR Flat Roofing had no excuse in this instance – they knew how to ensure the safety of their workers but decided to not to.

"If work is carried out at height then all appropriate measures should be put in place to reduce the risk of falling. Common sense and practical solutions exist to prevent fatalities.

"All employers have a duty to assess risks in the workplace and put in place sensible health and safety measures to manage them. More information on practical solutions to ensure the health and safety of workers in the construction industry can be found on the HSE's website.

Hospital entrance smoking ban is welcomed by AM

AN Assembly Member has welcomed the decision to ban smoking outside hospital entrances in the Vale from the start of May.

Initially, patients and staff will be able to smoke in certain designated areas, although a complete ban will take effect from November.

Andrew RT Davies commented: "This is a positive move by the health board, and is a less dictatorial way of discouraging smoking than the introduction of fines would be. Many people bemoan the smell and smoke related litter around hospital entrances, not to mention the bad image it projects."

He added: "The next step is for the health board to work with staff and patients in the lead-up to the blanket ban in November.

"We must remember that smoking is an addiction and that people must be treated and supported accordingly."

'Trip to Auschwitz will live with us forever'

LUKE JAMES and George Scott are Barry Comprehensive School sixth form politics students who were recently given the opportunity to take part in an educational programme about the the Holocaust – including a one-day trip to Auschwitz on February 15.

This opportunity is offered to two sixth form students from schools and colleges across Wales by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

By Luke James and George Scott

The town of Oswiecim once included a thriving Jewish community, which made up more than half of its population.

People would come from far and wide to visit the town's famed 'Great Synagogue'. This was where we started our journey, at the site on which the synagogue once stood.

The Lessons from Auschwitz (LFA) project led us to appreciate that the Holocaust destroyed not only lives but the cultures for which they stood, a key lesson of the project which we focused on in the orientation seminar preceding the day in Poland.

This seminar also included a moving recollection by a Holocaust survivor of her experiences as an Auschwitz prisoner.

It helped us to visualise the individuality of the victims of the Holocaust, rather than think of the atrocity in terms of statistics.

Second, we visited a Jewish museum, in which we were taught a valuable lesson in Jewish culture. This included a talk led by Rabbi Marcus from the Central Synagogue which allowed us to appreciate the beauty of the culture that Nazism attempted to destroy.

In this talk, we were told the inspiring story of Szymon Kluger, the last Jew of Oswiecim, who would open the doors of the synagogue each morning and close them each night in order to show that the Nazis had failed in their attempt to murder the Jewish population.

From the relative comfort of the indoor museum, we took a coach journey to Auschwitz I.

The first thing we noticed was the infamous sign which says "ARBEIT MACHT FREI," meaning, "Work will set you free" – a symbol of the magnitude of the Nazis' deceit when trying to keep the prisoners orderly.

This well-preserved camp, originally built as barracks for the Polish Army, became the setting for unimaginable torture and suffering. It was here that we learnt about how the gas chambers operated, as well as the cruel punishments imposed on prisoners who showed any small sign of defiance against their Nazi captors.

Arguably the most harrowing aspect of the trip was witnessing with our own eyes the masses of possessions, looted and hoarded by the Nazis: hair, artificial limbs, shoes, suitcases, glasses, children's clothing.

We were also reminded of the fact that all people involved in the Holocaust – be they victims or perpetrators – were human beings, one of the key lessons from the project.

After visiting Auschwitz I, we were taken to Auschwitz Birkenau, a huge, open camp in which the prisoners' hovels were converted from horse stables.

The size of the camp shocked us, with its great expanses of land that offered no shelter from the bitter Polish winter winds.

We were taken into the 'shelter' and the latrines in which we learnt about the harsh living conditions of Auschwitz, as well as the work forced upon the prisoners.

At the end of the trip, a memorial service led by Rabbi Marcus was held at the site of Krematorium II, destroyed by the Nazis in an attempt to conceal the horrific war crimes they had committed.

In the service, a minute of silence was held for the victims of the Holocaust – only one minute, as we were told that if one minute of silence were given for each person murdered at Auschwitz, we would have had to have been silent for three years.

This poignant fact is one of many which we were taught by the LFA staff and which will remain with us forever.

During the visit, we, alongside the other students, found that we felt numb, unable to take in that which lay before us.

It was only afterwards that we were able to properly process that which we had seen and experience the emotional effects of visiting a death camp.

We reflected on our own personal experiences of the trip in the follow-up seminar, during which we were also given examples as to how we can apply the numerous lessons we have learnt from the project to today's society, in which, as we can see from current genocides such as Darfur, atrocities in the vein of the Holocaust are still occurring.

Several cultural sites such as the Great Synagogue are long forgotten today, but it is thanks to the LFA project that we can be sure that the atrocities that led to their destruction will never be forgotten.

'Magistrates court could become cinema' says candidate

THE Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has called on the Vale Council to look into the possibility of the soon-to-be-closed Vale Magistrates Court becoming a cinema.

The Theatre Royal on Broad Street, which hosted entertainment for nearly 100 years, would be demolished under plans for an extra-care facility including 42 apartments on the same site.

Dr Johnson said: "It is very sad that, under these plans, Barry would have to lose one community facility to gain another.

"I would like to see both a cinema and an extra-care facility for older people.

"However, with the Conservative government closing the Vale Magistrates Court on Thompson Street, we have an opportunity to revive the cinema in a town-centre siting.

"It should be possible to refurbish the courts to create two cinema screens and would be an effective and good use of a building which will soon fall out of use.

"Any cinema development on the Island or the Waterfront is some time off, but this could be turned around in a short space of time.":

PALM SUNDAY PARADE

RHOOSE village church will be celebrating Palm Sunday, April 17, with a march leaving the Fontygary Inn car park at 10am and parading through Celtic Way to the Community Hall.

As in previous years, the march will be led by Polo the donkey. Palm crosses will be handed out en route, with singing and a display of banners.

A service of celebration with refreshments will commence at 10.30am in the Celtic Way Community Hall. There is a warm welcome for all.

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Students speak out in debating competition

ABOVE: Anne Campbell, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, presenting Celyn Ripley of Brynteg Comprehensive School, with the award for best speaker.

ABOVE: Anne Campbell presenting Arran Watt of Y Pant with his award for best questioner.

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

ABOVE: The Brynteg Comprehensive School team.

SEVEN schools from across Wales reached the final of the English Speaking Union (ESU) Welsh Schools Public Speaking Competition, which was held in Ty Hywel House, Cardiff Bay, at the invitation of the Presiding Officer, Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas.

The individual awards went to:

Celyn Ripley of Brynteg Comprehensive School, Bridgend, as the best speaker.

Arran Watt of Y Pant as best questioner.

Timothy Kingsnorth from Hawarden School, Deeside, as best chairman.

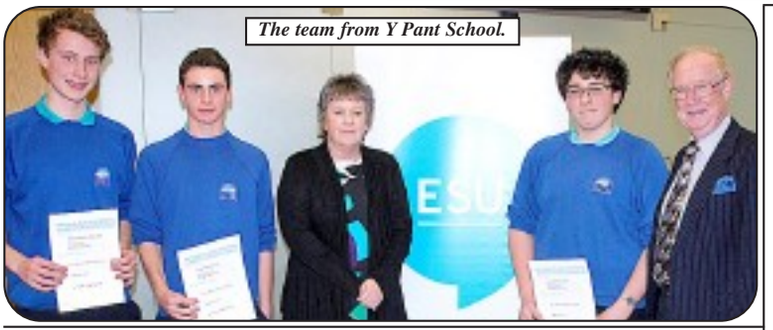
The overall team award, the Challenge Shield, was won by Ffynone House School, Swansea.

Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, president of the ESU south Wales branch, gave a stirring speech of encouragement to those attending the competition.

In his summing up, Derek Morgan, the chairman of the ESU south Wales branch, commended all the students who had taken part and commented on the lengthy deliberations of the judges, who had a very difficult task given the very high standard of the presentations.

ABOVE (left to right): Derek Morgan; Lorraine Barrett AM (Assembly Commissioner); Anne Campbell; Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.

ABOVE: The team from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.



The team from Y Pant School.

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"She gets on with other dogs but she can be a bit feisty with them when she is on the lead so she will need some further training to help with this.

"She mixes well off the lead and can live with another dog. She is playful, very bright and has lots of energy.

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Sasha.

There are more photos of Sasha online at www.dogstrust.org.uk. Call at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, if you are interested in Sasha, or telephone 01656 725219.

ABOVE: Darren.

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Fearless cat lovers to raise money for adoption centre

'Please help to support the Bridgend Cat Adoption Centre!'

THIRTY fearless cat lovers are set to walk across hot coals and broken glass to raise money to help cats and kittens being cared for at Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre.

It's not a challenge for the faint-hearted – a barefoot walk over a 20ft bed of burning hot coals – or a 12ft bed of glass.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will give participants the chance to walk across wood embers smouldering at 800 degrees without experiencing pain or injury. People who have previously braved a fire-walk can go one step further and walk across a 12ft bed of smashed sterile wine bottles.

The event, to be held at Bridgend Adoption Centre on April 16, will raise much-needed funds to help care for cats and kittens like orphan Annie, a five-week-old kitten found on a doorstep in the Bridgend area on March 26. She was starving hungry and was desperately suckling at the towel she was wrapped in for milk.

Sue John, who is fostering Annie, said: "I have been fostering kittens for 30 years and have never seen so many fleas on one little kitten – her nose and gums were white because of the fleas draining her blood."

The glass walk takes place at 5pm, the fire walk at 8pm.

Last year's firewalk raised more than £12,000, and it is hoped this year's event will help raise even more!

Coun Jeff Tildesley, who has already braved the coals and will be taking part in the glass walk, said: "Please come along and support Cats Protection Charity's fundraising day, it's so important to raise funds for these cats."

Tony John, director from Shepherds the Vets, who are sponsoring the event, said: "Shepherds consider it a privilege to sponsor and take part in the fire and glass walks following its great success last year."

Anyone wishing to take part should contact Bridgend Adoption Centre on 01656 726621 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk

History society

THERE will be a meeting of Dinas Powys Local History Society on Tuesday, April 12 at 7.30pm at Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys.

The subject of the meeting will be a slide show of vintage photographs from the collection of the late Percy Randell. Visitors welcome; entrance £1 for members, £1.50 for visitors.

MEET DELORES

"Hi, my name is Delores and I am desperately seeking a new home. I lost my leg in a road accident but I still managed to carry my latest litter of kittens. I have had so many babies and done such a good job raising them, the staff tell me it is time I had some attention for myself.

I get about really well and enjoy chasing a ball and mouse around and having some fuss. I enjoy sunbathing in the garden and exploring my surroundings.

If you think you could give me the peaceful, secure home that I deserve, please come and meet me at the centre."

Delores.

YOUTH SERVICE CUTS AIM TO SAVE £125,000 PER YEAR

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE cabinet of the Vale Council has decided on a range of economies that will take more than £125,000 from the youth service budget – including the removal of a post paying £43,000 a year.

The decision was taken at a meeting of council cabinet, and it involves making cuts in a range of areas.

The cuts equate to the equivalent of six full-time posts. Although the proposals will save £125,000, there will be a cost of £11,248 to implement them, leaving a saving of £113,764.

The biggest cut is the removal of the post of Senior Youth Officer – which is currently vacant. "Disestablishing" this role, as the report refers to it, will create a saving of £43,616.

The report considered by the cabinet said that the duties of this post could be shared within a reorganisation of the roles and responsibilities within a restructured service.

Another post to go, giving a saving of £7,071, is the Duke of Edinburgh's administrator position.

The report says that now the Duke of Edinburgh's team has been relocated to West House in Penarth, they will be supported by a 30-hour administrative post, and will not need a stand-alone post.

The council also intends to cease funding the post of Out of School Activities Officer, producing a saving of £14,055.

The report says that this officer provides a line management and supervision function to an assistant Duke of Edinburgh Award officer, spending 11 hours a week on the task.

It says that these hours could be "subsumed into the roles of other officers in the Youth Service as this level of support is not cost effective",

The report notes that the post is 73 per cent supported by the School Improvement Service.

A further cut is to be made by looking at trainee positions. The report says that two positions should be "disestablished" – and this could save £21, 484.

A further "disestablishment" will be the Community Project Worker position in Penarth, saving £20,351.

The report says that, due to cuts in grant aid and reductions in service spending, the role is becoming surplus to service needs and could be taken on by a part time leader.

ST ATHAN CUTS

Two St Athan services facing economies are the Rookies Youth Club and the St Athan Brass Band.

The report says that the youth service currently supports these voluntary organisations by funding salaries which are used to employ support staff to help.

The report goes on: "These organisations would continue without this level of funding and the effect on them will be minimal. Reducing this support would develop a saving of £2,225."

YOUTH CENTRE CUTS

Two youth centres, Area 41 in Barry and the Cowbridge Youth Centre, are set to cut the number of nights they open in a week, producing a saving of £8,206.

The report says that this would mean that Area 41 would open three evenings per week, and that Cowbridge would open for two.

Finally, the report proposes reducing part time youth service provision from 39 weeks to 37 weeks.

It explains: "The Youth Service currently opens its part time provision for 39 weeks in line with school terms.

"Decreasing the amount of weeks that part time evening youth provision is available from the current 39 weeks to 37 weeks would create a further saving of £8,004."

The report goes on to say that the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service team will need to restructure and reorganise to be more effective and responsive to young people's needs and roles and responsibilities will be "redefined".

GEORGE IS ON ATHLETICS MAP

COWBRIDGE could have a star in the making after George Griffiths went close to equalling a feat achieved by Olympic stars Kelly Sotherton and Mark-Lewis Francis at the Aviva Sportshall UK final.

The 14-year-old climbed the podium twice at the flagship junior athletics development event of the year, finishing with silver in the standing long jump and a bronze in the two-lap race.

This was followed up with a ninth-place finish in the shot put to lift the Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil to third in the overall rankings with 274 points.

Griffiths was just 19 points off top spot, the same position Sotherton and Lewis-Francis held in 1992 and 1998 respectively, and despite missing out, the teenager was more than satisfied with his day's work.

He said: "I am really pleased with what I have managed to do at this sportshall final as not only have I finished third overall, but I also equalled a Welsh record along the way.

"In winning the standing long jump silver, I equalled the Welsh Sportshall record that stood at 2.88m.

"Next year, I am hoping to come back and break it because I am a year younger than everyone else, so I still have a chance to improve."

The Aviva Sportshall is part of the Aviva Athletics Academy which encourages and enables children to get involved in athletics.

Aviva has been supporting British athletes since 1999 and paving the way for the next generation. Get involved in the Aviva Athletics Academy at aviva.co.uk/athletics

JON IRELAND

Pumas reach final

PREVIOUS encounters between Barry Pumas and Legal and General have always been close, and this semi-final in the Lazarou Division 3 cup did not disappoint.

Pumas started the better team with Callum Taylor scoring only a few minutes after kick off, but L&G replied with a shot that hit both posts before trickling over the line.

A few minutes later, a long range effort by L&G managed to creep past the Pumas keeper.

The Pumas defence tightened up in the second half with Marcus Jones and Dean Hyde making it almost impossible for the opposition to get through.

The Barry team's equaliser came with 10 minutes of normal time remaining when Anthony Partridge's free kick found the head of Jamie Randall, making the full time score 2-2.

The second half of extra time saw the winning goal, which came when Spencer Lamb's free kick was perfectly placed in to the left corner of the net.

Barry Pumas now face Arriva Trains in the final.

MORGAN STEPHENS

Art Society

ON Thursday, April 14 at 7pm in the new venue in the annexe at Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge (which is on ground level), the very popular artist Doug Eaton will be returning to give a demonstration in the use of acrylics.

Non-members are very welcome to attend.

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Vale Council tenants stay with 'the devil they know'

COUNCIL house tenants in the Vale have voted to reject the chance to change landlords and are staying with the Vale Council.

In a secret ballot of tenants in which 68.4 per cent voted (3,245), 49.2 per cent supported the transfer and 50.8 per cent were opposed.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Tenants in the Vale have put their confidence in the council and rejected a proposal that would have seen their homes transferred to a new local housing organisation, Heritage Coast Homes."

The council had argued during the consultation period that the proposals would secure the investment needed to bring homes up to the full Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) – as required by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Coun Gordon Kemp, the Leader of the Council, said: "We always wanted tenants to have the final say on the future ownership and management of their homes.

"We explained to tenants that, without transfer, we would not be able to reach the full Welsh Housing Quality Standard or have the resources needed to make much needed improvements to our estates.

"We have been honest with tenants throughout the consultation and we will now start work to improve their homes, working towards achieving the WHQS."

He added: "We will continue to involve our tenants in exploring ways of taking the housing service forward in these challenging circumstances."

Labour's Coun Neil Moore told The GEM: "The tenants have had their say and it was a high turnout, with a close vote, and we support their decision.

"The challenge for the council now is to work to meet the Assembly's housing quality standards."

The news surprised Plaid Cymru's AM, Chris Franks, who said: "The council should now respect the wishes of the tenants and work to bring the housing up to standard.

"In the end, I guess this was a case of 'Better the Devil you know'."

The news meant that Mr Franks was able to return to a point that has been concerning Plaid.

He said: "Under an obscure UK government technicality, the Vale Council has had to hand over about £5 million every year from its rental income.

"My understanding is that that arrangement would have ceased had the stock been transferred.

"Plaid will continue to argue that this money should go in full into the housing repair budget."

PHILIP IRWIN

Sucker Punch packs lots of oomph - but misses target

Having made an auspicious start to his career with the 2004 remake of *Dawn of the Dead*, Zack Snyder has built up quite a reputation for films that drip with testosterone.

He has taken us to Sparta with *300* and adapted the un-adaptable with *Watchmen*, while Snyder's next task is to bring back to the big screen the iconic hero in *Superman: Man of Steel*, but before that his latest film hits cinemas.

Entitled *Sucker Punch*, it tells the story of Baby Doll (Emily Browning), who, after mistakenly killing her younger sister, is institutionalized by her stepfather.

Inside the facility, she teams up with a group of young women (played by Abbie Cornish, Jenna Malone, Vanessa Hudgens and Jamie Chung), and they retreat into an alternative reality populated with dragons, wartime aircraft and other peculiarities, in the belief that this world will help them escape from their prison...

Zack Snyder has always been a supremely talented visualist, his films looking amazing; however, aside from *300* (where he adapted the screenplay from Frank Millar's graphic novel), Snyder has been working from other people's material.

Sucker Punch is the first film that he has worked up himself, co-writing the screenplay – and sadly, it is the weakest film the director has yet made, the end product a mess that looks wonderful yet is incredibly hollow.

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

This is the type of film a 14-year-old boy would probably make if they were given $82 million, full of attractive women in short skirts, fighting dragons and zombie Nazis with samurai swords and all manner of weaponry; and while Snyder, the arch-visualist, makes it look immensely cool, the story feels like it was written with scant regard for anything other than that reason.

The characters we meet never fully engage us - instead they run around looking cool and kicking proverbial bottoms while titillating the target audience with their choice of attire.

Consequently the performances fail to hit home, Browning looking blank-faced and seemingly as perplexed as the audience are, while the rest of the cast either ham it up like Oscar Isaac's pimp/asylum chief, or just hover about in the background with hardly anything to do (step forward High School Musical's Vanessa Hudgens).

Of course, visually the complaints dry up. Anyone who has seen anything of Snyder's previous work will know how striking he can be, and when *Sucker Punch* travels into its reality-within-a-reality-within-a-reality (try to keep up) Snyder really earns his corn.

This alternate world looks absolutely epic and is a perfect blend of genres and types, trenches of World War I meeting medieval castles and hulking cityscapes.

But all too often, once the fighting kicks off, these worlds feel like computer games without the control pads; there is never any sign of peril or danger, rather the feeling that if it all goes wrong you'll simply lose a life and restart the level, and that is *Sucker Punch's* biggest problem.

Despite wanting us to feel for the predicament of these characters, the story continually distances the audience from them – and no matter how many clever visuals or slow-motion sequences (something Snyder seriously needs to curtail) are on show, they cannot fix the plot deficiencies.

Sucker Punch is a supreme example of style over substance, and though it may prove a treat for young men whose dreams will have come true thanks to this film, for the rest of us it will just be another anodyne piece of cinema.

VERDICT – A woeful film only enlivened by its strong visual sense, *Sucker Punch* misses the target completely. Outside Zack Snyder's strong visuals, there is nothing to recommend the film, from the dull and lackadaisical screenplay to the lifeless acting performances, this is one film you can easily live without. *Poor.*

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BARRY'S BRAVE DOUBLE WWI MEDAL WINNERS!

Local military historian and headteacher of St Cyres Comprehensive School, Dr Jonathan Hicks, tells the story of more Barry men's courage during the First World War.

BRAVERY on the battlefield is significant enough when recognised by the award of one gallantry medal, but for several Barrians of the last century, their contribution to the defence of their country was recognised twice.

Second Lieutenant Edwin Grant of the Machine Gun Corps was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in July 1918 to add to his Military Medal, and was promoted to a commission for gallantry on the Western Front.

Formerly of 36, Trinity Street, he had been recommended for a commission in the field for services rendered on the Western Front during the Somme retirement.

He won his Military Medal when his Company was cut off and the officer in charge having fallen, Sergeant Grant took command and succeeded in getting them safely back to their own trenches.

He won the DCM and the MM. on consecutive days, one during a night attack and the other the next day.

His citation for the DCM read: *'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a machine gun in the front line during an enemy attack. Though enfiladed by enemy machine gun fire, he worked his gun for several hours with the greatest accuracy, killing and wounding large numbers of the enemy. He was eventually wounded, but refused to be evacuated, and remained at his post.'*

When he enlisted three years before, he was employed as a fireman in the locomotive dept of the Barry Railway Company. Two brothers were also serving; one of whom also won the Military Medal.

One of only three Barry men to win the Distinguished Service Order during the Great War was Major (acting Lieutenant Colonel) **Evan Thomas Rees** of the 10th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, who was gazetted in June 1918.

He had won the Military Cross in January 1917 for 'valour while fighting with his regiment in France' while a temporary captain.

An assistant master at Cadoxton School before the War, Rees was also a prominent local footballer. He was married to an assistant mistress who worked at Hannah Street School and they lived at Dovey House, Woodlands Road, Barry Dock.

Rees enlisted in the Army as a private in September 1914, aged 31, and after a course of training at Sandringham he was appointed to a commission with the South Wales Borderers in 1915, obtaining his captaincy and majority in rapid succession in 1916.

In December 1917, Rees was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, gazetted to the command of the 7th Battalion Norfolk Regiment and was mentioned by Haig in his dispatches.

Rees was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans during their spring offensive of 1918, winning the DSO for his courage in holding a post against the enemy.

His account of his capture:

'On the evening of March 27, 1918, after the enemy had made many attacks on my position north of Albert, I found that the position to the right of my battalion front was very obscure. I made a personal reconnaissance and as a result I established a strong post well to the right in order to protect my flank.

While proceeding from this new post to my original right flank, the enemy again heavily attacked. I had no alternative but to resolve my escort (one NCO and three men) and myself into a small intermediate post.

In the fighting I was shot through the left thigh and dislocated my right ankle, the remainder of the post were either killed or wounded. I sent one of the wounded with a message to battalion headquarters. The medical officer, having heard of our predicament joined us and while arrangements were being made for my removal (it was now dark) the enemy continued his attack and succeeded to a short distance in overstepping our post.'

A wonderfully understated account of great courage and devotion to duty! Rees's story is an amazing one of an educated man who joined the Army as a humble private in the first flush of war fever in the summer of 1914, rising through the ranks to command a battalion, being wounded, made a prisoner of war and decorated twice for bravery in the process.

Barry's most highly-decorated war hero deserves much greater recognition.

Second Lieutenant Edwin Grant DCM, MM.

Major James M. Wightman, East Surrey Regiment, who captained the Barry Association Football Team in the 1913-14 season, died on April 9 of wounds received in action in France.

He was killed by a defective bomb (grenade), which burst prematurely on March 11.

He has the unwelcome distinction of being the first Barry player ever to be sent off, when he hit a Newport County player just before the final whistle in February 1914.

James Wightman won the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross. He was awarded the MC in November 1916. His citation read: *'For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a bombing party with great courage and determination, and repulsed the enemy.*

'He acted as leading thrower, and threw bombs continuously for two hours. He has previously done fine work.'

This action took place during the fighting around the Schwaben Redoubt on Thiepval Ridge in September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

On the first day of the battle, July 1, 1916, the 8th Bn. East Surreys attacked at Montauban and to encourage the men forward, two footballs were kicked out into no man's land to advance the attack.

Wightman was mentioned in Haig's dispatch of April 7, 1918, and was awarded the DSO in June 1918 for his bravery near Arras during the opening phase of the German spring offensive of that year.

Three remarkable men, now long-forgotten by most residents of their hometown. Their bravery is truly worthy of being remembered today.

Jonathan Hicks's new crime thriller 'The Dead of Mametz', which is set in Barry in 1916, is to be published by the Welsh Books Council in May.

Copies can be ordered now through booksellers or Amazon. He will be signing copies of his new novel at Barry Library at midday on Saturday 21 May.

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Social media for business: An introduction

'SOCIAL MEDIA' is the new buzz phrase.

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Social media is essentially an online and enjoyable conversation. Social media platforms that need no introduction include YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

These allow you to engage with others, including friends and new business contacts.

Social media is an important tool for the dissemination of your business, its message and products.

Your audience are already there, are you?

However, as with all things in life, a strategy is necessary in order to succeed.

Key concepts to an approach should be building and participating in a community, with particular stress on trust and the 'paying it forward' model.

Marketing has changed – word of mouth and the web are inextricably connected, and this is undoubtedly a golden arena for your business to participate in.

To plan your strategy, you need to identify: what your company does and what its social media objectives are; who your target audience and your competitors are; 'SEO' (search engine optimisation) and keywords; how much time you are willing to allocate (if you don't have the time, in2netwales can do this for you); metrics to measure your results; which tools to use.

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For more about Joanne, please visit *www.cardiffnutritionist.co.uk.*

We look forward to seeing you!

Please contact us to book for this event at *members@vwbn.org.uk.*

For more information on the benefits of networking and joining the VWBN contact *members@vwbn.org.uk.*

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COMMUNITIES FIRST AGM IS HELD AT GIBBONSDOWN

THE Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First held its first AGM on March 29 in the Gibbonsdown Children's Centre.

Approximately 50 people attended, including board members, volunteers, staff, residents and local partners.

The CF co-ordinator opened the event and introduced five speakers who discussed their involvement with Communities First.

They were: Debbie Worth, from Options Training; Tracey Downes, from the Penarth Youth Project and the Vale Youth Forum; Pat Gilbert, from the Gibbonsdown and Court Luncheon Club; Julie Griffiths and Michelle Sullivan, from the CF People's Allotment Group; and Phil Beaman from the parks department, Vale Council.

They shared their experiences of various projects and partnerships with Communities First over the last few years, including equality and diversity projects and most recently, the Iolo Park regeneration project.

Young people from the Gibbonsdown and Court Youth Forum showcased their short role play about their involvement in the Forum, and shared their experiences of the projects they were involved in, including a forthcoming one on Urban Art.

Communities First Partnership board members Jane Hutt and Bryan Jeffreys thanked everyone for attending.

Sharon Topazio, Communities First co-ordinator said: "The evening was a great success and it was due to the local residents and partners who spoke about the Communities First projects they are involved with."

ABOVE: Flying Start manager Antonia Bridges, Communities First coordinator Sharon Topazio, and partnership board member, Anne Phillips.

LEFT: Coun Rhodri Traherne and Penarth Youth Project and Vale Youth Forum co-ordinator Tracey Downes.

Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First People's Allotment Group chair, Julie Griffiths and Coun Bronwen Brooks.

ABOVE: Development worker Michelle Sullivan, and Gibbonsdown and Court Youth Forum secretary Rhiannon Adams.

Popular judge returns to Barry Camera Club

LEIGH WOLFORD of Gwynfa Camera Club has visited our club on many occasions and is one of Barry Camera Club's favourite judges.

With his direct and experienced style of judging, he also adds a sense of humour, which made for a very entertaining evening.

Judge's verdict

In the monochrome print category, third place was shared by *Introspection* by Rob Owens, *Cascading Eyes* by Hugh Winnan and *Shy Girl* by Steve Durbin.

In second place was *On Stradbally Strand* by Rob Owens – a lovely beach landscape, very reminiscent of Ansel Adams' landscapes. Joint second was *First Rays In The Valley* by Brian Trego – another stunning landscape; this time of mountains, trees and snow.

First place went to *Secret Faces* by Brian Trego – three characters adorned in white robes and white pointed hats, an image full of mood and mystery.

In the colour print category, third place was shared by four images – *Autumn Mood* by Steve Durbin, *Geevor Tin Mine* by Frank Cleland, *Oh My Aching Back* by Hugh Winnan and *Canary Wharf Station* by Rob Owens.

In second place was *The Quiet Time* by Brian Trego – a moody robed character walks down an alley past a blue door.

The winner was *Glencoe Sunrise* by Brian Trego – beautiful subtle colours of a wintry sunrise over trees and a stream.

In the projected images category, in third place was *Aquilegia* by Kathy Edwards – a simple, colourful and well composed flower.

In joint second place was *Figure In White* by Brian Trego – a ghostly figure at the end of an alley, with children in the foreground.

Also joint second was *Jackdaw* by Phil Stillman – excellent detail, well captured with good composition and lighting.

The winner was *The Birds* by Malcolm Downes – moody, sinister, yet brilliant.

Chairman Steve Durbin thanked Leigh for his time, good judgments and for an entertaining evening.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend, with no obligation to join.

BARBRA ARCHDALE-SMITH

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Crossing Offa's Dyke and down Saxon way!

The weather forecast did not do justice to the sunny day that followed when six walkers and sheepdog Bracken joined Nick at Slip Wood near Bigsweir for a walk on the English side of the lovely Wye Valley.

They walked downhill by road to the Bigsweir Bridge, built in 1827 as part of the turnpike road that was constructed from Chepstow to Monmouth and which connects Wales with England.

This single arch iron bridge, cast at Merthyr Tydfil, was under covers as it is receiving a facelift and the group deviated on the left bank of the River Wye, to begin the gradual ascent through fields by way of Offa's Dyke path.

The Saxon King Offa constructed the dyke from Chepstow to Chester, to keep out the marauding Welsh and parts of the earthwork, which roughly follows the English/Welsh border, are still visible in the lower part of Hudnalls Wood that the group climbed through to reach the narrow rocky path leading to The Nedge.

A short steep climb brought them to a road which in turn led to the village of St Briavels, which stands on a limestone plateau above the River Wye.

Opposite the majestic St Mary's Church, built in 1089, stands the 12th century moated St Briavels Castle, which was garrisoned for Henry 1 as early as 1130 and was granted to him, together with the Forest of Dean, in 1141.

Over the years, it has been a fortress, royal castle and hunting lodge to King John, visited by Henry 11 who made it the administrative and judicial centre for the Forest of Dean, a prison, school, private home and today is a youth hostel.

The castle has commanding views of the valley between Tintern and Redbrook.

They followed the road out of the village before joining the Gloucestershire Way at Willsbury Farm.

Entering fields, the group stopped for lunch near the hedge line in bright sunshine before crossing a huge ploughed field, skirting some woodland, passing the enormous quarry and reaching the road at Stowe Green.

A narrow track led them into fields, and turning west they had beautiful views of the Welsh side of the River Wye which was way below them in the valley as they descended steeply.

In order to return to their start, the group crossed a stile to join Offa's Dyke path once more and followed the undulating pathway through Wyeseal Wood.

JOY STRANGWARD

Community orchards

WELSH community orchards have got Plaid's backing, following a visit by Assembly Member Chris Franks.

Mr Franks visited a Wenvoe community orchard that was planted by volunteers from Bridgend College.

The project was funded by the Welsh government as part of the Tidy Towns scheme.

Keep Wales Tidy works with community groups that carry out environmental enhancement projects.

Wenvoe Wildlife Group and Bruce McDonald were on hand to help the Bridgend students. The community orchard was planted on farmland owned by Richard Reader.

Mr Franks said: "I was pleased to take part in this event. This community orchard shows how we can create a better environment by working together.

"All the groups involved ensured that the community orchard will be available for people to enjoy in the future."

GCSE decision time for year-9 Barry students

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-9 pupils are preparing to choose the GCSE subjects they will study for the next two years.

All pupils will continue to study the core subjects, including English, mathematics and science, but 50 per cent of the timetable is open to student choice, guided by teachers and parents/guardians.

A school spokesman said: "Pupils have a great choice of new subjects including business and communication, ceramics, engineering and psychology. Some courses are delivered in conjunction with our partners Barry College and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive."

He continued: "The options process has been made as simple as possible. All students have their own account on the Careers Wales website where they can access information about the specific courses at Barry Comprehensive and read general information about the qualifications needed for different careers."

Pupils have a lot to think about but understand the seriousness of the choices they have been trusted to make.

Nick Currie said: "I would like to take a variety of subjects and hope to pursue a career in media."

Daniel Ladner commented: "I would like to take subjects such as PE and science and try to have a career in sports science."

Tristan Jeans said: "I would like to take history, Welsh and science and hopefully have a career as a vet."

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PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

How technology has ended the tyranny of ghetto blasters

LIFE-STYLE enhancements, such as the increasing portability of music, mean coping with a touch more technology to get the full benefit.

I must confess that I am not into music, but I understand that some people want to be constantly accompanied by it, especially on the move.

Remember the ghetto-blaster? A (barely) portable radio perched on a shoulder and blaring music to all and sundry. Technology moved on, reducing the radio to a truly portable personal cassette or CD player with earphones.

It continued to develop; arriving at today's vanishingly tiny MP3 players that store thousands of tunes.

Music lovers will have built up a library of music over the years and have a large collection of CDs.

They would like what is on their CDs to be on their MP3 players. No problem.

It requires a conversion from the CD audio (CDA) format to MP3 format; a process called 'ripping' (in spite of the name, nothing is physically damaged in any way.)

The CD's files are read and written to the computer's storage in a different format.

The computer then has a set of files, each of which is a track from the CD. These files can then be copied to the MP3 player's storage for playing.

Steve explained the several advantages of MP3 files:

- They can be played on just about any audio player.
- Files on your MP3 player form a back-up against the loss of a CD
- Personal compilations are easy
- The new files can be retained on your desktop and played directly from there as well.

The music should be obtained only from CDs that you have bought or you are in danger of copyright infringement.

Steve used Microsoft's Media Player to demonstrate the ripping process.

A simple series of clicks and the programme started the conversion and completed the whole thing in just a couple of minutes, as opposed to the hour or so of music on the disk.

The speed is possible because the information is not copied in its entirety, but sampled many times a second.

The sampling frequency is adjustable, varying the sound quality of the new file, but the middle of the available range is normally satisfactory.

The human ear should not notice the difference in overall sound quality.

Media Player is a long-standing component of Windows and does far more. It can play video, recorded TV, and images as well as help with organising file storage.

If you are connected to the net, Media Player will try – and usually succeed – to identify the CD from an on-line database. This saves you from having to name all the track titles.

As for me, well, I'm just grateful that I haven't heard a ghetto blaster in years.

We next meet on Tuesday, April 12, at All Saints Lesser Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm.

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Since the establishment of the first Welsh schools in Barry – Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol in 1951 and Ysgol Gymraeg St Francis in 1955 – the Vale now boasts five Welsh medium primary schools.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge (192 pupils), Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth in Penarth (325) and Barry's Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc (261), Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig (435) and Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant (210) provide children with opportunities to live and learn in the Welsh language.

Formal aspects of the national curriculum are interspersed with experiences of Welsh culture and heritage.

Secondary Welsh medium education is provided at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (859 pupils), which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and which has already achieved exceptional educational results.

Such has been the success of Welsh medium education in the Vale that demand for places has risen dramatically.

As a result of a survey of educational preferences, the Vale Council recognised a need to expand on its current Welsh language provision.

Two new schools will open in September in Llantwit Major and Barry, and work on a major extension has commenced at Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth.

Siân Owen, headteacher at Barry's Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, commented: "It's fantastic to see how much interest in Welsh has grown in the Vale over the last 60 years.

"From small beginnings to a position where a major extension is underway and two new schools are opening is phenomenal.

"I am sincerely grateful to all the parents who put their trust in us to educate their children through the medium of Welsh.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the many headteachers, teachers, staff, governors, parents and friends who've worked so diligently over the years to build our strong reputation, making today's expansion plans a reality.

"Our 60th anniversary is truly a time to celebrate."

Parents and guardians interested in places from September 2011 onwards at these new schools should contact:

For Llantwit Major – Helen Jennings, headteacher, Llanilltud Fawr Primary School on 01446 792368 or llanilltudfawrPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; and

For Barry – Siân Owen, headteacher, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig on 01446 744222 or ysantcurig@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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The best Welsh in Wales

With only 14 per cent of Vale residents able to speak Welsh, according to the 2001 Census, it is not surprising that the majority of pupils receiving Welsh medium education are from non-Welsh speaking homes. What may be surprising in this context is the fact that the Vale's schools perform so well when compared to their peer group on a national level.

On behalf of the Vale Welsh Headteachers' Partnership, Rhian Andrew, headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc in Barry said: "We are delighted that the performance of the Vale's Welsh medium primary schools at Key Stage One and Key Stage Two are a source of great pride locally.

"We have the best Welsh results in Wales among 6-7 year olds. That is no mean feat, when you consider that the majority of our pupils are from non-Welsh speaking backgrounds."

GET INVOLVED

It's a good time to get involved with Welsh in the Vale. Strong leadership from Welsh schools is complemented by a wealth of extra-curricular activities and pre-school education.

Cylchoedd Meithrin and Ti a Fi provide pre-school education at Penarth, Dinas Powys, Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

The Urdd (Wales's youth movement) has recently appointed Aled Williams as sports liaison officer to run a programme of sports activities locally for children and young people.

The Urdd's accomplishments on the cultural youth scene are second to none, with its well-established eisteddfod tradition giving young people the opportunity to showcase their talents in song, recitation, dance and many other genres.

Both Welsh and English medium schools have benefitted from these opportunities.

Menter y Fro, the Vale's Welsh language initiative, also organises a wide range of activities for all members of the community, to promote the use of the Welsh language in the Vale.

In August next year, the National Eisteddfod of Wales will be held in the Vale and is expected to give a huge boost to interest in Welsh culture and language in the locality. Welsh courses for learners are anticipating high levels of demand as a result.

Dr Dylan Jones, headteacher of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Chairman of the National Eisteddfod's Executive Committee said: "It's hugely encouraging to see increased interest in Welsh in the Vale and more opportunities to socialise in the language outside the school gates.

"Parents often tell me how pleased they are that they can offer their children the chance to learn Welsh – a chance they were all too often denied by their own parents.

"Many grandparents are also pleased to see Welsh re-introduced into their family. The misplaced belief that only English would bring success has long gone.

"Bilingualism now thankfully is seen as something to be embraced – as an asset, definitely."

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Addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro - Dathlu'r 60!

60 mlynedd lawr y lein ac mae addysg Gymraeg yn ffynnu ym Mro Morgannwg.

Ers sefydlu ysgolion Cymraeg cynta'r sir – Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol Y Barri ym 1951 ac Ysgol Sant Ffrancis ym 1955 - mae yna bellach bump o ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg yn y Fro.

Mae Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen (192 o ddisgyblion), Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth ym Mhenarth (325) ac Ysgolion Cymraeg Sant Baruc (261), Sant Curig (435) a Gwaun y Nant (210) yn Y Barri yn cynnig cyfleoedd i blant i fyw ac i fwynhau'r iaith Gymraeg.

Caiff elfennau ffurfiol y cwricwlwm cenedlaethol eu cyfoethogi gan brofiadau o ddiwylliant a threftadaeth Cymru. Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (859 o ddisgyblion) sy'n cynnig addysg uwchradd Gymraeg i'r plant ac mae'r ysgol, sy'n dathlu ei deng mlwyddiant eleni, eisoes wedi rhagori yn y maes academaidd.

O ganlyniad i lwyddiant aruthrol addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro mae'r galw am lefydd yn yr ysgolion Cymraeg wedi cynyddu'n ysgubol.

Ar ôl cynnal arolwg ymhlith rhieni o'u dewisiadau ar gyfer addysg eu plant, sylweddolodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fod angen ymestyn ei ddarpariaeth bresennol o addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg.

Bydd dwy ysgol newydd felly yn agor ym mis Medi yn Llanilltud Fawr a'r Barri ac mae gwaith ar estyniad sylweddol i Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth eisoes wedi cychwyn.

Dywedodd Siân Owen, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig yn Y Barri: "Mae'n wych gweld cymaint y mae diddordeb yn y Gymraeg wedi cynyddu yn y Fro dros y 60 mlynedd ddiwethaf.

"O gamau bach ond pwysig, mae'r ffaith ein bod mewn sefyllfa lle mae estyniad ar y gweill a dwy ysgol newydd yn agor yn fuan yn aruthrol.

"Rwy'n ddiolchgar tu hwnt i'r holl rieni sy'n ymddiried ynddon ni i addysgu eu plant trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Hoffwn hefyd ddiolch i'r penaethiaid, athrawon, staff, llywodraethwyr, rhieni a ffrindiau sydd wedi gweithio mor galed dros y blynyddoedd i greu enw da i ni, gan helpu i wireddu'r cynlluniau presennol. Mae dathlu'r 60 yn wir yn amser i ymfalchïo yn ein llwyddiant."

Dylai rhieni a gwarchodwyr sydd â diddordeb mewn llefydd yn yr ysgolion newydd o Medi 2011 ymlaen, gysylltu â:

Llanilltud Fawr - Helen Jennings, Pennaeth, Ysgol Gynradd Llanilltud Fawr ar 01446 792368 neu llanilltudfawrPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; a

Y Barri - Siân Owen, Pennaeth, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig ar 01446 744222 neu ysantcurig@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Am lefydd a chyfleoedd gwaith gyda Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin cysylltwch â Vanessa Powell ar 0779 295 986 neu ewch i www.mym.co.uk.

Y Cymraeg gorau yng Nghymru

Gydag ond 14 y cant o bobl y Fro yn gallu'r Gymraeg yn ôl Cyfrifiad 2001, nid yw'n syndod felly fod y rhan helaeth o ddisgyblion sy'n derbyn addysg Gymraeg o fewn y sir yn dod o aelwydydd di-Gymraeg. Beth sy'n syndod fodd bynnag yw'r ffaith fod Ysgolion Cymraeg y Fro yn cyflawni mor dda o'u cymharu â'u grwpiau cyfoed ar lefel genedlaethol.

Ar ran Partneriaeth Penaethiaid y Fro dywedodd Rhian Andrew, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc yn Y Barri: "Ry ni'n falch dros ben gyda chanlyniadau ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg y Fro yng Nghyfnod Sylfaenol Un a Dau. Mae gennym ni'r canlyniadau Cymraeg gorau yng Nghymru ymhlith plant 6-7 oed. Dyw hynny ddim yn fater bach o gydnabod fod y mwyafrif o'n disgyblion yn dod o aelwydydd di-Gymraeg."

Ymunwch a mwynhewch!

Mae'n amser da i ymwneud â Chymraeg yn y Fro.

Mae arweiniad cadarn oddi wrth ysgolion Cymraeg yn plethu'n dda gyda llu o weithgareddau meithrin ac all-gyrsiol.

Mae Cylchoedd Meithrin a Ti a Fi yn cynnig addysg i blant bach ym Mhenarth, Dinas Powys, Y Barri, Y Bont-faen a Llanilltud Fawr.

Yn ddiweddar mae'r Urdd wedi penodi Aled Williams fel cydlynydd chwaraeon i'r Fro i redeg rhaglen o weithgareddau i blant a phobl ifanc. Mae llwyddiant yr Urdd ym maes y celfyddydau wrth gwrs yn amlwg, gan roi'r cyfle i blant arddangos eu doniau canu, llefaru, dawnsio, arlunio ac mewn llu o feysydd eraill.

Gall ysgolion Cymraeg a Saesneg fanteisio ar y cyfleoedd arbennig hyn.

Mae Menter y Fro hefyd yn trefnu nifer o ddigwyddiadau i bobl o bob oed i hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg o fewn y sir.

Ym mis Awst y flwyddyn nesa bydd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru yn cael ei chynnal yma a'r disgwyl yw y bydd yn rhoi hwb enfawr i Gymreictod yr ardal. O ganlyniad mae cyrsiau Cymraeg i ddysgwyr yn disgwyl galw uchel am eu gwasanaethau.

Dywedodd Dr Dylan Jones, Pennaeth Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg a Chadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwaith yr Eisteddfod: "Mae'n ganologol iawn gweld y diddordeb yn y Gymraeg yn cynyddu a twf yn y nifer o gyfleoedd i ddefnyddio'r iaith y tu allan i'r ysgol.

"Mae rhieni'n dweud wrthyf yn aml pa mor falch ydynt eu bod yn gallu cynnig y cyfle i'w plant i dderbyn addysg Gymraeg. Mae llawer o'r neiniau a theidiau hefyd yn falch o weld y Gymraeg yn ailgynnu yn eu teuluoedd.

"Mae'r gred gyfeiliornus mai ond Saesneg sydd eisiau i lwyddo wedi hen ddiflannu, diolch i'r drefn. Mae dwyieithrwydd nawr yn cael ei weld fel rhywbeth i ymfalchïo ynddo - yn fantais, heb os."

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Is Welsh medium education right for your family?

If you are a family of non-Welsh speakers, choosing to send your child to Welsh medium education – let's face it – is a bold move. It's a leap of faith, no less!

It can appear scary and feel as if you're relinquishing control over your child's education.

But, get over that initial hurdle and the rewards are there for all.

Welsh medium schools teach Welsh through the 'immersion' technique. Pupils live and breathe Welsh, and all subjects, except English, are taught through the language. English as a subject is not introduced until Year 3, when pupils are seven years old.

At one time, it was considered that you only needed English to get on in the world.

That view has changed and languages are considered a skill and an asset.

In Wales, the ability to speak Welsh has definite economic advantages and is likely to enhance job prospects.

It certainly won't hold you back. Being able to speak two or even more languages improves a child's ability to use and learn language in general and can open up a deeper understanding of different traditions, ideas, ways of thinking and behaving.

Iona Edwards, Headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth in Penarth said: "Children are amazing and I never cease to be astonished at how quickly they progress in Welsh. From the outset in Welsh medium schools they are immersed in the language and it's great to hear them learn, speak and play in Welsh."

Dylan Evans, Headteacher of Cowbridge's Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, added: "The Welsh language can be a powerful link between Welsh people everywhere and it differentiates Wales from the rest of the UK.

"It can provide people with an identity and a sense of belonging. Everyone in Wales can be proud of the language, even if they don't speak it. It belongs to us all!"

Headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant in Barry, Rhydian Lloyd, said: "Welsh is for everyone. You certainly don't need to come from a Welsh speaking family to send your child to a Welsh school.

"Out of 210 pupils here in Gwaun y Nant, only one family in the entire school has parents who both speak Welsh fluently. We are proud of our track record and are delighted that so many families are choosing Welsh medium education for their children."

Cymraeg byw i bawb

Os ydych yn deulu di-Gymraeg, mae dewis addysgu'ch plentyn trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn dipyn o beth – yn gam go enfawr i ddweud y gwir. Mae angen ffydd a gweledigaeth.

Gall beri pryder a gwneud i chi deimlo fel petaech yn gollwng gafael ar addysg eich plentyn.

Ond, os allwch oresgyn hynny, mae'r buddiannau yna i bawb.

Mae ysgolion Cymraeg yn dysgu'r Gymraeg drwy ddefnyddio'r dull 'ymdrochi'. Mae'r disgyblion yn byw ac yn bod yn y Gymraeg, gyda phob pwnc, ond am y Saesneg, yn cael ei gyflwyno drwy'r iaith. Nid yw Saesneg yn cael ei ddysgu fel pwnc tan Blwyddyn 3, pan mae'r plant yn 7 oed.

Ar un adeg, credai nifer mai dim ond Saesneg oedd ei angen arnoch i lwyddo yn y byd. Mae'r safbwynt yna wedi newid a nawr mae ieithoedd yn cael eu cyfrif fel sgil.

Yma yng Nghymru mae yna fanteision economaidd i allu siarad Cymraeg a'r tebygrwydd yw y bydd yn helpu i wella'ch cyfleoedd o fewn y byd gwaith.

Fydd e bendant ddim yn rhwystr! Mae'r gallu i siarad dwy neu fwy o ieithoedd yn gwella gallu person i ddefnyddio a dysgu iaith yn gyffredinol a gall wella deallusrwydd yr unigolyn o wahanol draddodiadau, syniadau, a ffyrdd o feddwl ac ymddwyn.

Dywedodd Iona Edwards, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth ym Mhenarth: "Mae plant yn anhygoel a dwi'n llawn edmygedd wrth weld pa mor gyflym maent yn dysgu Cymraeg. O'r cychwyn cynta yn ysgolion Cymraeg maent yn cael eu hymdrochi'n yr iaith ac mae'n hyfryd eu clywed yn darllen, siarad a chwarae yn Gymraeg."

Yn ôl Dylan Evans, Pennaeth Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen: "Mae'r iaith Gymraeg yn gallu bod yn gyswllt cryf rhwng Cymry ym mhobman ac mae'n gwahaniaethu'n gwlad oddi wrth gweddill Prydain. Gall roi hunaniaeth gref i berson a theimlad o berthyn. Gall pawb yng Nghymru fod yn falch o'r iaith, hyd yn oed os nad ydyn nhw'n ei siarad. Mae'n berchen i ni i gyd."

Ychwanegodd Rhydian Lloyd, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant yn Y Barri: "Mae'r Gymraeg ar gyfer pawb. Does dim angen i chi ddod o aelwyd Gymraeg i anfon eich plentyn i ysgol Gymraeg. Allan o'r 210 o ddisgyblion yma yng Ngwaun y Nant, dim ond un teulu sydd â dau riant sy'n siarad Cymraeg yn rhygl. Rydyn yn hynod o falch o'n llwyddiannau ac yn hapus dros ben fod cymaint o deuluoedd yn dewis addysg Gymraeg ar gyfer eu plant."

MYTH:

Children learning two languages will only learn them half as well as one.

Quite the opposite! Usually one language helps the other and it becomes easier to learn more languages later on. Bilingual children can speak, read and write English as well as children who attend English medium schools - and have another language to boot!

MYTH:

Bydd plant sy'n dysgu dwy iaith ond yn eu dysgu hanner mor dda.

I'r gwrthwyneb. Fel arfer mae un iaith yn helpu'r llall ac hefyd mae'n debygol o fod yn haws dysgu ieithoedd eraill nes ymlaen. Mae plant dwyieithog yn gallu siarad, darllen ac ysgrifennu Saesneg cystal â phlant sy'n derbyn addysg cyfrwng Saesneg – ac mae ganddynt iaith arall yn ogystal.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg welcomes Henry Winkler aka 'The Fonz'.

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A HISTORY LESSON! OLRAIN YR HANES!

1951 First meeting of the committee formed to establish Welsh education in Barry in Number 9, Park Road, Barry, home of Mr and Mrs Dan Evans.

1951 September – December. Yr Ysgol Gymraeg founded in Salem Vestry, Barry, with the salary of the teacher, Miss Elinor Williams (later Davies) paid for by parents.

1952 January 9. The council adopts the school and Yr Ysgol Gymraeg moves to the two roomed Wesleyan Chapel vestry in Cadoxton. A total of 15 children attend.

1955 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Ffransis founded in Barry, with 25 pupils. An annex called Coed yr Odyn was later added nearby for the infants, to accommodate increasing numbers.

1971 Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth opens under the headship of Howard Goodfellow. A Welsh unit had operated out of Cogan School prior to this.

1974 Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc founded for juniors, with Elwyn Richards as headmaster.

1975 A Welsh unit is established at Ysgol Gynradd Y Bont-faen which becomes Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

1979 Ysgol Iolo Morganwg officially opens, under the headship of Glesni Whettleton.

1991 With demand outstripping the places available, Ysgol St Ffransis has outgrown its premises and is merged with Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc. The new school, called Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, operates from its current site at St Paul's Avenue, Barry. It is headed up by Dulyn Griffith, who stays in his post until his retirement in July 2010. Also 90 pupils are taken to form Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, on the site of (Lower) Bryn Hafren Girls Comprehensive, with Eleri Hourahane as headteacher.

1996 Ysgol Gymraeg Newydd starts in temporary buildings on land at Ysgol Sant Curig and later became Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.

2000 Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg founded, with 123 pupils and 11 staff, and Dr Dylan Jones as head.

2001 Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant opens at its present site, with Glenna Griffith as headteacher.

2011 September – Two new Welsh medium schools will be opened in Barry and Llantwit Major!

****With thanks to Mrs Rachel Williams MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffransis from 1968-1988) and Mrs Eleri Hourahane MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffransis 1988-1991 and Sant Curig from 1991-2006) a Mrs Carys Whelan. Gyda diolch i chi am eich cymorth wrth olrain yr hanes – rhy bwysig i fynd yn anghof.****

Vale pupils on the big stage!

ABOVE: Ysgol Iolo Morganwg pupils achieved national success in the Urdd Eisteddfod!

"Without the tremendous support from Barry's non-Welsh speaking community, Welsh language education in Barry simply would not exist. They deserve our grateful thanks." – Eleri Hourahane MBE

"Rhaid diolch i Gymry di-Gymaeg Y Barri am addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg heddiw. Heb eu cefnogaeth nhw fyddai e ddim wedi digwydd." Eleri Hourahane MBE

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W.R. Evans (headmaster at Ysgol Sant Ffransis 1959-61)

A WARM WELCOME FOR WELSH SEED SCHOOL

CYLCH MEITHRIN Llanilltud Fawr has welcomed the announcement that a Welsh medium school will open in five months.

A spokeswoman explained: "Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr is delighted with the news that the Welsh medium seed school will open for intake of nursery and reception in September.

"The Cylch Meithrin is currently working alongside Mrs Jennings and the LEA to ensure that Llantwit Major can provide Welsh medium education from two-years-old through to primary education, as well as regular Ti a Fi, parent and toddler sessions to introduce the Welsh language to babies and their families.

"For further information in Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr, please contact Emma Hill on 07908 308294 or come along to a Ti a Fi session on Tuesday and Fridays, 1pm–2.30pm at Western Vale Integrated Centre."

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DATHLU 60 MLYNEDD O ADDYSG DRWY GYFRWNG Y GYMRAEG

ABOVE: Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg – winners of the Urdd's seven-a-side rugby competition

RIGHT: Youngsters enjoy singing practice at Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.

Bro Morgannwg bridges the gap

OPENING Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry in 2000 with 123 pupils and 11 staff was a major boost for Welsh education in the Vale.

It meant that, for the first time, pupils from the five feeder primary schools could continue their Welsh medium education together, within the county.

Previously pupils wanting to continue their secondary education through the medium of Welsh had to travel to either Glantaf or Plasmawr in Cardiff, Llanhari or Rhydfelen in Rhondda Cynon Taf – which were not exactly on the doorstep.

But travel they did, some leaving their homes as early as 7.30am to go to their chosen school.

"That's serious dedication," said Dr Dylan Jones, Head of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

"It shows the extent of the commitment of both parents and pupils towards continuing with Welsh medium education.

"Founding Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg was a godsend. I was fortunate to be appointed head-teacher of the school at the outset and ten years on I am proud of the school's achievements. Our pupils and teachers have excelled over the years and I thank them for their dedication and hard work."

Last year's examination results were certainly something to shout home about. A-Level results were the best yet, with 99 per cent of the cohort recording A* to C grades in two or more subjects, an increase of 8 per cent on the 2009 results. At GCSE an amazing 90 per cent of pupils achieved the top A*- C grades in five or more GCSE subjects, surpassing last year's record breaking score of 78 per cent and therefore recording the school's best ever GCSE exam results. Particularly strong was the attainment of pupils in the core subjects of Maths, Welsh and English where over 80 per cent of pupils attained a grade C or above.

Dr Jones continued: "As we celebrate our tenth anniversary at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and 60 years of Welsh education in the Vale, we look forward to welcoming two new Welsh primary schools into our fold and continuing with our successes, both in academic and extra-curricular activities."

Balchder Bro Morgwnnwg

BU agor Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg yn Y Barri yn 2000 gyda 123 o ddisgyblion a 11 o staff yn hwb enfawr i addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro.

Roedd yn golygu y byddai disgyblion ysgolion cynradd y Fro yn medru parhau â'u haddysg Gymraeg o fewn y sir am y tro cyntaf erioed.

Cyn hyn roedd yn rhaid i'r plant oedd yn dymuno addysg uwchradd Gymraeg deithio i naill ai Glantaf neu Phlasmawr yng Nghaerdydd, neu i Lanhari neu Rhydfelen yn Rhondda Cynon Taf – llefydd oedd ymhell o drothwy'r drws.

Ond teithio y gwnaethon, gyda rhai yn gadael eu cartrefi mor gynnar â 7.30 y bore er mwyn cyrraedd yr ysgol.

"Dyna beth oedd ymrwymiad o'r radd flaenaf," yn ôl Dr Dylan Jones, Pennaeth Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgawnnwg.

"Mae'n adlewyrchu ymroddiad y plant a'u rhieni tuag at barhau gydag addysg Gymraeg. Roedd sefydlu Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg felly yn fendith. Bues i'n ffodus i gael fy mhenodi'n bennaeth cynta'r ysgol a deng mlynedd yn ddiweddarach dwi'n hapus ac yn falch iawn o lwyddiannau'r ysgol. Mae'n disgyblion a'n hathrawon wedi rhagori dros y blynyddoedd a hoffwn ddiolch iddynt am eu gwaith cyson a'u hymrwymiad llwyr."

Rhaid canu clodydd Ysgol Bro Morgannwg am arholiadau 2010. Cawsant y canlyniadau Lefel-A gorau eto, gyda 99 per cent o ddisgyblion yn derbyn graddau A* i C mewn dau neu mwy o bynciau, cynnydd o 8 per cent ar ganlyniadau 2009.

Yn arholiadau TGAU derbyniodd 90 per cent anhygoel o'r disgyblion graddau A* i C mewn pump neu fwy o bynciau, gan dorri record y flwyddyn cynt o 78 per cent a chofnodi'r canlyniadau TGAU gorau erioed i'r ysgol.

Yn arbennig o uchel oedd y llwyddiant yn y pynciau craidd, Mathemateg, Cymraeg a Saesneg, gyda dros 80 per cent o'r disgyblion yn llwyddo i gael gradd C neu uwch.

Dywedodd Dr Jones: "Wrth i ni ddathlu ein deng mlwyddiant yma yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg a 60 mlwyddiant o addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro, disgwyliwn ymlaen yn eiddgar at groesawu dwy ysgol newydd atom ac at barhau gyda'n llwyddiannau, yn academaidd yn ogystal ag yn all-gyrsiol."

"Thank you St Ffransis for being at the end of Five Mile Lane, but thank you even more for giving us the 'drive' to go for our own Welsh school at Cowbridge." Carys Whelan

"Diolch St Ffransis am fod ar ddiwedd 'Five Mile Lane' ond diolch yn bennaf am ein hysgogi i fwrw ati a chreu ysgol Gymraeg yn Y Bont-faen." Carys Whelan

Visionary pioneers

Remarkable thanks go to those committed few who found the passion to fight for Welsh medium education.

Those present at the first meeting at 'Number Nine' Park Road in 1951 were Aneurin Talfan Davies (chairman), Dan Evans (vice-chairman), T Raymond Edwards (secretary), Alcwyn Evans (assistant secretary), S.O. Rees (treasurer), Dr Edgar Jones, E Hall Williams, Vincent Pate, Glyn Ashton, Mrs Blodwen Jenkins, Miss Ellen Evans and Gwynallt Evans.

Later they were joined by Miss Olive Powell and Miss Norah Isaac.

Arloeswyr o fri

Mawr yw'n dyled i'r rhai fu'n brwydro yn ystod y blynyddoedd cynnar. Diolchwn am eu brwdfrydedd a'u gweledigaeth.

Yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod cyntaf un yn 'Nymber Nain' Park Road ym 1951 oedd Aneurin Talfan Davies (cadeirydd), Dan Evans (is-gadeirydd), T Raymond Edwards (ysgrifennydd), Alcwyn Evans (is-ysgrifennydd), S.O. Rees (trysorydd), Dr Edgar Jones, E Hall Williams, Vincent Pate, Glyn Ashton, Mrs Blodwen Jenkins, Miss Ellen Evans a Gwynallt Evans. Yn ddiweddarach ymunodd Miss Olive Powell a Miss Norah Isaac.

Ysgol Pen-y-Garth

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An early start in Welsh!

RIGHT: Cylch Meithrin Bontfaen – an excellent start in Welsh education for Cowbridge youngsters.

ABOVE: Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig pupils enjoying their outdoor activities.

A Personal Perspective

Joel is nine years old and is a Year 4 pupil at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge.

His three older sisters attended English medium schools in the Vale and elsewhere. Neither of his parents speaks Welsh. When the family returned from abroad to Wales, it was too late to consider Welsh language education for the girls but for Joel it was a different matter.

His mum, Karen, explains:

Why did you choose to place Joel in the Welsh system of education?

It was a combination of factors really. Our neighbour's daughter was at Iolo Morganwg and was happy there. I worked almost full-time and link-up between the state funded Uned Feithrin at the school and the pre-school Cylch Meithrin meant that I could have wrap-around care for Joel.

Was language a factor at all?

Yes, of course. My husband was brought up in Monmouthshire and wasn't given the opportunity to learn Welsh. He's always regretted that and was keen for Joel to learn the language.

When the girls were young we lived in Holland and they were exposed to a second language there. They have all developed good ears for languages and we were keen for Joel to do so too.

Did you have any concerns?

Certainly, but I'm glad to say they haven't materialised. We were concerned mainly that we wouldn't be able to help Joel with his homework.

But in reality homework often comes home with an English explanation attached.

There's also the Welsh Language Board's Homework Support Line*, although we haven't needed to use that at all.

As children grow older they become able to explain and translate things to you. I've heard it said that bilingual children have a better grasp of a subject if they have to explain it to someone in a different language. To be able to do that they have to fully understand what they are talking about. It's actually a good discipline.

*Welsh Language Board Homework Support Line: 0871 230 0029 or helpine@galw.org.

Profiad Teulu di-Gymraeg

Mae Joel yn naw mlwydd oed ac ym Mlwyddyn 4 yn Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen.

Mae ganddo dair chwaer hŷn aeth i ysgolion cyfrwng Saesneg yn y Fro a thu hwnt. Nid yw ei rieni yn siarad Cymraeg.

Pan ail-gartrefodd y teulu yng Nghymru ar ôl byw ar y cyfandir roedd yn rhy hwyr i anfon y merched i ysgol Gymraeg ond roedd cyfle i wneud hynny gyda Joel.

Dyma eglurhad Karen, ei fam.

Pam wnaethoch ddewis addysg Gymraeg i Joel?

Nifer o ffactorau i ddweud y gwir. Roedd merch ein cymydog yn mynychu Ysgol Iolo Morganwg ac roedd yn hapus yno. Roeddwn yn gweithio oriau ysgol ac roedd yn bosib cael gofal i Joel am yr oriau hynny, diolch i'r cyswllt agos rhwng Uned Feithrin yr ysgol â'r Cylch Meithrin.

Oedd y Gymraeg yn factor o gwbwl?

Oedd wrth gwrs. Cafodd fy ngŵr ei fagu yn Sir Fynwy a chafodd e mo'r cyfle i ddysgu Cymraeg. Mae'n flin am hynny ac roedd yn awyddus i Joel ddysgu'r iaith.

Pan oedd ein merched yn ifanc roeddwn yn byw yn yr Iseldiroedd a chawson nhw'r cyfle i gael profi ail iaith yno. Maent wedi datblygu clustiau da ar gyfer ieithoedd o ganlyniad ac roeddwn eisiau i Joel wneud hefyd.

Fel teulu di-Gymraeg oedd gennych unrhyw amheuon?

Oedd yn sicr ond braf yw nodi nad ydynt wedi cael eu gwireddu. Roedden yn becso yn bennaf na fydden yn gallu helpu Joel gyda'i waith cartref.

Ond mae gwaith cartref yn aml yn dod adre â chyfieithiad neu esboniad.

Hefyd mae modd cysylltu â Llinell Cefnogi Gwaith Cartref Bwrdd yr Iaith Gymraeg*, er nad ydym wedi gorfod gwneud hynny'n bersonol.

Wrth i blant dyfu maent yn gallu esbonio a chyfieithu i chi. Dwi'n deall fod plant dwyieithog yn datblygu gwell dealltwriaeth o bynciau os ydynt yn gorfod eu trafod mewn iaith arall. Mae'n beth da iawn, yn y bôn.

*Llinell Cefnogi Gwaith Cartref: 0871 230 0029 neu post@gwaithcartref.com

MYTH:

Children get confused if they learn more than one language.

Not at all –0 when learning any language young children mix and experiment with words. This doesn't mean they're confused, it's part and parcel of learning.

MYTH:

Mae plant yn drysu os ydynt yn dysgu mwy nag un iaith.

Dim o gwbwl – wrth ddysgu unrhyw iaith bydd plant ifanc yn arbrofi gyda geiriau. Nid yw hyn yn golygu eu bod wedi'u drysu, mae'n rhan annatod o ddysgu.

Harri Williams and Lauren Dawe, house captains for Llywelyn raise the 2011 Sant Baruc Eisteddfod Cup.

A happy memory

Atgofion... Fan Dan Evans yn asglu'r plant bob bore
Memories... Dan Evans' van collecting the children each morning

If you have memories of Welsh education in the Vale that you'd like to share with other GEM readers, please write in to the editor at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Os oes gennych chi atgofion i'w rhannu am addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro, ysgrifennwch i mewn at y golygydd gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

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Out and About with The GEM

What is on and when & where in your area?

Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-Super-Ely Church and Community Hall in aid of hall funds on Saturday, April 9 from 10am-12noon.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome. To book a table, contact Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market, which is held on the second Saturday of every month in the small hall from 10am-12noon, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and books.

Freshly brewed Fairtrade coffee and teas are served. All proceeds go towards the improvement and maintenance of the hall.

Nearly new sale

A PENARTH charity, BATS (Baby and Toddler Social) is holding a nearly new sale on Saturday, April 9, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 2pm-3.30pm.

Entrance is £1 per person and there will be a wide range of children's and baby clothes, toys and equipment.

Art4U music workshop

A MUSIC workshop is being held at Canon Hill Artspace, Canon Street, Barry, on Saturday, April 9, between 12noon-1.30pm.

Instruments are provided, but feel free to bring your own and help create a special Art4U musical experience!

Art4U is a voluntary organisation set up to share creativity and the viewing of art with the community.

Llantrithyd coffee morning

THE Brooke Hospital for Animals, Vale of Glamorgan Supporters Group, is holding a coffee morning on Wednesday, April 13, at 10.30am at Llantrithyd House, near Cowbridge.

Entry is £3 (including coffee and biscuits) and home produce and cakes will be on sale.

The event will be signposted from the A48 (Aubrey Arms).

For enquiries, contact Alex Rees 01446 781286 or Joy Rees 01446 781955.

Guild meeting

THE GLAMORGAN Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meets on Wednesday, April 13, at 7.30pm.

Claire Carter, the chair of Penarth Quilters Guild, will give a talk about different designs.

The venue is The Old School, Sully; members £2, visitors £5.

For further details, telephone Kirsten Gable on 01443 650336 or email kirstengable@hotmail.com

Easter fayre

BARRY Arts Centre is holding an Easter fayre and auction at Barry Arts Centre, Winston Road, Barry, on Saturday, April 16 (doors open at 12noon).

Admission is 30p, with free admission for children accompanied by adults. There will be stalls with bargains for all the family, an Easter bonnet competition for children of all ages and games. During the fayre, there will be an auction of jewellery and gifts.

Contact 029 2063 3217 for more details.

Llancarfan jumble sale

A JUMBLE sale is being held at Llancarfan village hall on Saturday, April 16.

The doors open at 1.30pm and all proceeds will go to local charities.

Sandville founder will speak to the LIFT members

THE next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on Wednesday, April 13, between 2pm and 4pm, when Gwyneth Poacher from the Sandville Centre will give a talk on self hypnosis.

On Wednesday, April 27, the group has relaxation therapies including reflexology, reiki and Indian head massage between 10am and 1pm.

A voluntary organisation, LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self-help group for those affected by breast cancer.

The group meets regularly to offer support and friendship for people living in the Vale.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Contact Anne on 01446 772843 or Jan on 01446 774575 for further information.

JB

Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service will hold donor sessions this month as follows:

Memorial Hall, Bryncoch, Bryncethin, Bridgend, on Friday, April 8, 10am-6pm.

Bridgend: *Mobile Donation Clinic, Asda Store, Coychurch Road, Bridgend, Monday, April 11, 11.15am-1.45pm and 3.15pm-7pm.*

To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment as these donors will take priority.

Please call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk to make one.

Vale: *Bedwas Hall, Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry, Tuesday, April 19, 10am-6pm.*

RNLI charity coffee morning

THE RNLI will be holding a coffee morning at All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Road, Penarth, on Saturday, April 16, from 10.30am – 12 noon. There will be cake, bottle, jewellery and scarf stalls, and a raffle.

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Spring and summer walking programme has been finalised

THERE were no group walks at the end of March because members of the group, including many walk leaders, spent the weekend in Pembrokeshire, where they are walking the Pembrokeshire coastal path.

Some were walking it for the second time, and fortunately they were blessed with dry weather.

Those leaders that were left behind took time out to relax and enjoy some peace or reflect on their forthcoming walks for the next six months, as the new programme is in circulation.

The Thursday evening summer walks will begin on May 12, through to the second week in August with a series, usually less than five miles, that take around two hours to complete and are open to everyone.

So if you fancy walking for example, at Porthkerry, Wenvoe, Dinas Powys, Cosmeston, Barry Island and the Knap, Pop Hill and Biglis Moors or Nash Point to relax after a hard day, or simply to unwind or meet new people and to become healthier and fitter – this could be for you.

The new spring/summer programme contains walks in the Black Mountains, the central Beacons, the Malvern Hills, Skenfrith, Margam, Afan Argoed, Trellech, Gower, St Fagans, Peterston, Monknash, Blackmill, the banks of the Taff in Cardiff and Garth Hill – to name but a few.

There will be a linear walk from Talybont in the Brecon Beacons back to the Storey Arms using the local bus as transport, and two local train rambles using the Vale of Glamorgan railway.

Walkers can come to the magnificent waterfalls at Pontneddfechan, or search for a waterfall or visit caves and take the one-man ferry in the Wye Valley, or nearer to home, visit the Giant's Bite near Quakers Yard.

The walks are in place, all we need now is some good weather with clear visibility and a good time will be had by all!

On April 9, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk in the Royal Forest of Dean; contact Val/Terry on 029 2070 6315/029 2059 5791.

On April 10, meet 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a seven-mile easy/moderate walk at the Sharpness canal and the barge graveyard; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

The mid-week walk on April 12 will leave Cogan at 9am for a six-mile moderate walk at Llandegfedd; contact Anne on 029 2070 0829.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For details of other walks log onto *www.ramblers.org.uk.*

JOY STRANGWARD

Church's arts and crafts workshop

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding an Easter arts and crafts workshop for accompanied children of all ages on Sunday, April 17, from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Activities will include Easter gardens, card making, chocolate nests and much much more! Refreshments will be served and the afternoon will include a short time of worship. All are welcome.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D664.

- **The rollover, which now stands at £3,000, was not won this week.**
- **£2,000:** 792484.
- **£10:** 948990; 425827; 450950; 608297; 795838; 800604; 252418; 325374; 351933; 474856; 472264; 545642; 214025; 193409; 769273; 603238; 405980; 419570; 817479; 177559.
- **£5:** 697908; 749557; 523143; 105143; 810823; 315864; 425429; 769019; 143654; 664286; 320779; 845052; 120894; 355942; 240223; 209944; 149517; 434723; 569954; 302211; 602353; 578212; 868100; 379323; 116914; 529800; 362712; 677130; 188604; 211665; 134650; 596832; 662022; 348727; 465573; 966817; 341859; 755217; 338162; 158117; 702040; 996907; 433456; 309933; 190065; 506158; 530964; 107314; 557134; 692654; 485935; 495536; 780683; 228539; 194290; 131199; 384221; 793075; 767815; 116888.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

New exhibition at the station gallery

THE Vale of Glamorgan Artists' Group will be opening their second show, entitled 'Journeys 2', at the Traveller's Gallery at Barry Station on Monday, April 11, until Friday, April 20.

This follows last year's successful debut exhibition at the café/gallery, which is operated by the charity Mind in the Vale as a work experience setting for people recovering from mental health problems. It is open mornings Mondays to Fridays, 7.30am – 1.30pm.

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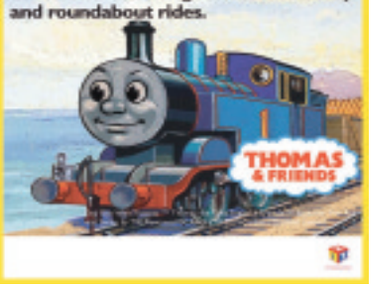

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Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Keith Parfitt – **23 Greave Close, Wenvoe** – Demolition of existing garage. Construction of extension at rear of site, reroof existing area of dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Jones – **20 Heol Draenen Wen, Culverhouse Cross** – Conservatory.

Fitz Project Management – **Carousel Flats, 4 Paget Road, Barry** – New front entry door and internal alterations to First and Second Floor (offices and flats), subdivision of existing residential into two flats, above existing Carousel Amusements.

Mr Chris Crandon – **20 Grove Place, Penarth** – Timber decking to side and rear of property (part retrospective).

Mr Ron Holland – **Thorn Falcon Farm, Great Bryn Hill Lane, Barry** – Proposed conservatory to side elevation and storm porch to front elevation.

Mr Malcolm Carnall – **Hillside Cottage, Pen y Lan Road, St Brides Major** – Single storey utility room extension.

Mr Keith Johns – **20 Marlborough Close, Barry** – Retrospective application for single storey rear extension.

Mrs Lauren Avraam – **Old Castle Cottage, West Street, Llantwit Major** – Amendments made to original plan – removal of bi-folding doors to lower level, removal of garden terrace. Windows will replace the doors, the garden terrace will be filled in to original garden level, large window removed from ground floor replaced with a door.

Mr Simon Easterby – **Afryn Farm, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge** – Demolition of the existing farm house to be replaced with a new single dwelling.

Mr Bret Trivett – **Glendon House, Argae Lane, St Andrews Major –** Proposed Menagerie to the rear of Glendon House (Change of use from agricultural).

Mr Graeme Oddy – **Maesydd, Lime Kiln Lane, Llangan** – Proposed single storey link extension.

Mr John Lloyd – **Ty Colwyn, Coed Maesarnen, Colwinston** – Single storey stone clad extension to provide new kitchen area and courtyard.

Mr Frank Williams – **Cleethorpes, 96 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Nicola's Juice and Coffee Bar – **Unit 8, Penarth Pier, The Esplanade, Penarth** – Change of use: change unit from an A1 unit to an A3 unit to be allowed to sell hot food.

Mr Paul Lewis – **9 Pembridge Drive, Cogan** – Change of use of land to domestic garden, associated earthworks, construction of boundary wall and retention of shed.

Mr Jim Ferrissey – **64 Arlington Road, Sully** – Single store side extension.

Mr A Hewlett – **9 Ruthen Terrace, Barry** – Proposed two storey extension to side and single storey extension to front.

Mr Amanda Bevans – **3 Tower Hill, Penarth** – Replace two windows and back door.

Mr Roy Alison – **New Broad Street Motors, Limited, Barry** – Variation of condition 2 on application 2007/00905/FUL: the primary use of the site is changing to an A1 use and it is therefore necessary to vary the condition to ensure that the use of the extension will be compliant with the condition.

Ms Andrea Bartley – **Rear of the Royal British Legion, Station Approach, Penarth** – Use of former bakery kitchen for food distribution base.

Mr Eifion Watkins – **Boverton Post Office, Boverton Road, Boverton** – 11 no. Advertisements.

Mr Stephen John – **12 Fairfield Close, Llantwit Major** – Proposed internal alterations, loft conversion and extension to side elevation to form new entrance hall.

Mr Alistair Dalton – **Hillcrest, Penylan Road, St Brides Major** – Demolish existing dormer bungalow, construct new dormer bungalow.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Jeffreys – **6 Rowan Close, Penarth** – Ground and first floor extensions.

Mr Nells – **24 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – Conservatory sited at rear of dwelling.

Mrs Debra Thomas – **Llanilltud Fawr Comprehensive School, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major** – Open steel frame and fabric roof canopy, positioned on existing school play ground.

Ms Alison Debono – **23 Augusta Road, Penarth** – Proposed single storey extension to rear, dormer to rear and new vehicle crossover.

Mr Wallsgrove – **1 Duffryn Crescent, Peterston Super Ely** – Reduce height by 30 per cent of 2 lime trees in front garden and two lime trees on side boundary.

J V Tree Services – **Stanwell Road Baptist Church, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Pollard horse chestnut.

Mr Malcolm Drysdale – **Iolo Park, Treharne Road, Barry** – Refurbishment of an existing playground with provision of 4 no. floodlighting columns to illuminate proposed multi-use games area.

Mrs Natalie Jones – **64 Dock View Road, Barry** – Alteration to existing garage.

Mr Ismail – **38 Kingsland Crescent, Barry** – Erection of dormer to rear annex.

Mrs Dawn Alexis – **2 St Nicholas Close, Dinas Powys** – First floor extension over existing single storey side extension and single storey WC extension to front porch.

Mrs Weaver – **15 Le Sor Hill, Peterston Super Ely** – Remove lower lateral branch from oak and remove lowest minor branches from sycamore, both in rear garden.

Mr P Brinicombe – **16 Le Sor Hill, Peterston Super Ely** – Reduce uppper crown by 9m to oak tree in rear garden.

Mr Dewi Northway – **Fern Cottage, Llwyn Nwydog Farm, Cowbridge Road, Talygarn** – Removal of condition 3 to application 96/00378/FUL to allow permanent residential use.

Mr Rhodri Hughes – **Ty Dan y Graig, Graig Penllyn** – Children's tree house in sycamore tree within garden.

Mr Michael Eddershaw – **Llansannor Court, Llansannor** – Repointing and repair to stonework external elevations.

Mr Justin Whitney – **85 Glebe Street, Penarth** – Retrospective change of use from retail to tattoo parlour.

Mr Howard Gape – **74 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – Demolition of existing garage and replace with attached garage and store.

Mr Christopher Barnsley – **24 Heol Gwendoline, Barry** – Convert garage into room. Remove up and over garage door, replace with brick and window.

Mr Hugh Cory – **Maendy Farm, Peterston Super Ely** – Fill in existing slurry pit.

Mrs Elaine Steele – **OS1182, Field adjacent to Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor** – Retrospective consent for field shelter and store.

Mr Alan Payne – **116 Dock View Road, Barry** – Dormer to rear of dwelling.

Mr and Mrs A Richards – **Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston** – Proposed menage and water storage pond in association with approved stable block.

Mr E Shone – **9 Waterfall Mews, Ham Manor Park, Llantwit Major** – Reduce sycamore tree and fell conifer tree.

Mrs Anne Birkinshaw – **24 Greenacres, Barry –** New dwelling.

Mr Perry – **2 Ger-y-Llan, St Nicholas** – Prune Norwegian maple.

Caroline Leonard – **Orchard House, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major** – Removal of conifers from garden in the conservation area.

Mr Phil Wakeley – **9 Stacey Road, Dinas Powys** – Sinle storey extension providing new dining, dayroom and utility accommodation.

Mr Frank Cleland – **35 Nant Talwg Way, Barry** – Single storey extension to rear replacing existing conservatory structure. New pitched roof in lieu of flat roof over garage, new porch.

Mr and Mrs Simon Easterby – **Arfryn, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge** – use of land as domestic garden.

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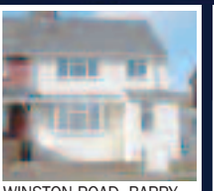

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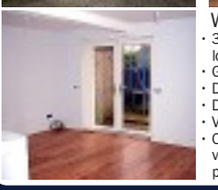

WOLFE CLOSE, BARRY
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- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Driveway to front
- Viewings highly recommended
- Offered freehold with vacant possession

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BOROUGH AVENUE, BARRY
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- Driveway to front for approx 2-3 cars
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- Double glazed & gas central heating
- Enclosed rear garden
- Offered freehold with no chain

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- Gas central heating & Double glazed
- 2 reception rooms
- Exceptionally large accommodation
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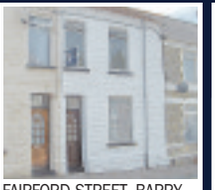
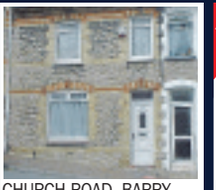


FAIRFORD STREET, BARRY
- 3 bedroom mid terrace property
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Ideal investment or first time purchase
- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain

£90,000



CHURCH ROAD, BARRY
- 3 bedroom mid terrace in popular location
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain
- Priced for a quick sale

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- Double glazing
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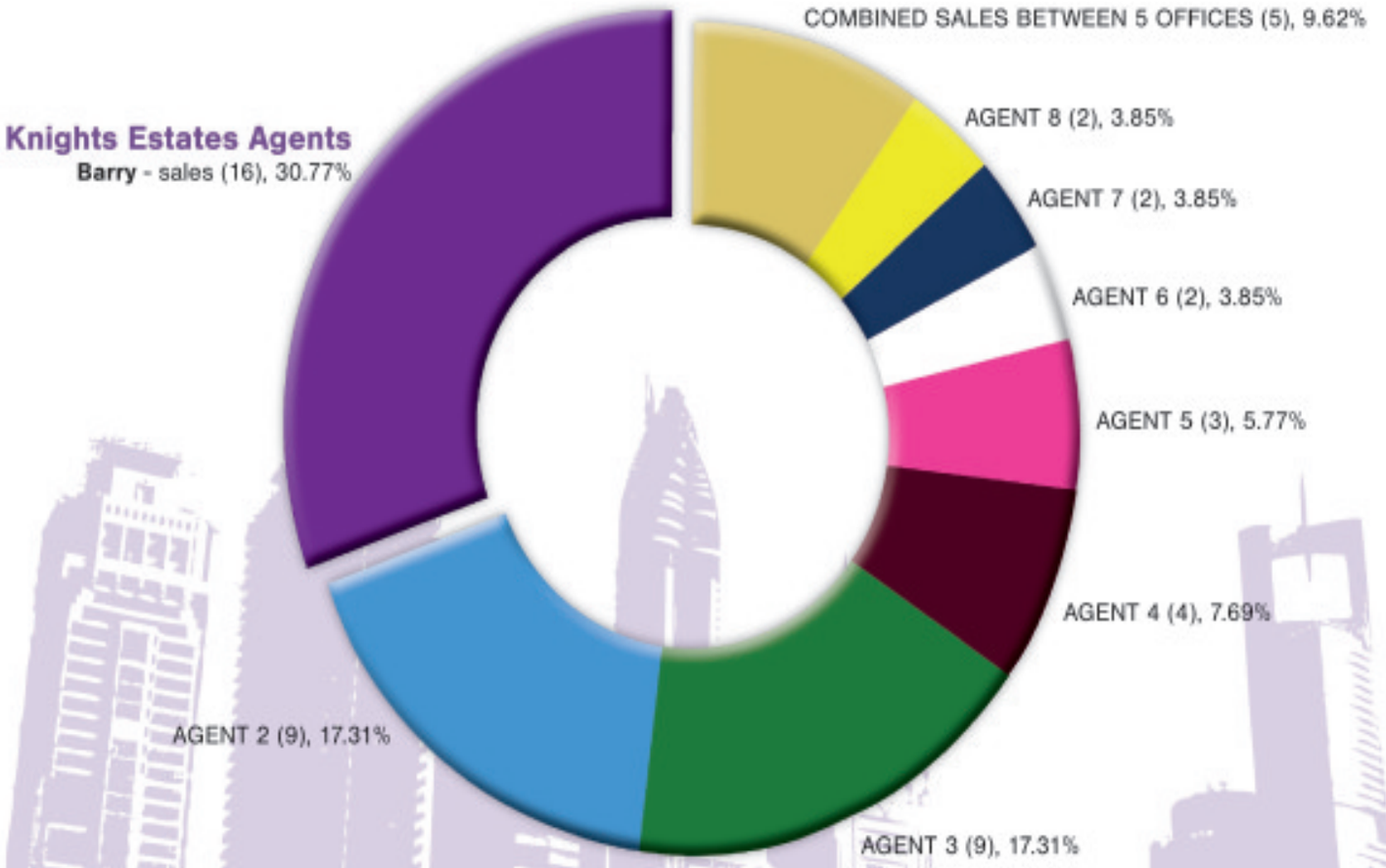

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GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS GO OUT AND ABOUT IN PEMBROKESHIRE

LEFT and ABOVE: On the beach at Broadhaven.

Outside the Stackpole centre.

Rock climbing.

Enjoying an early morning cup of tea!

YEAR-6 children from Gladstone Primary School have recently returned from a highly successful residential outdoor activity week in Stackpole, Pembrokeshire.

The 38 children and Gladstone staff – including the school's local community police officer – spent the week taking part in exciting activities including climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, canoeing and orienteering.

They also carried out important conservation work, cutting back brambles and carrying out a beach clean as part of the 'John Muir Award'.

"The children were so enthusiastic and so motivated throughout the week. Their behaviour was excellent and they really are a credit, not only to us at Gladstone, but to their parents as well – well done!" said Helen Reilly, year-6 teacher.

TEA TIME TALES ARE TOLD AT HIGH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents and children accept their new books.

CHILDREN from reception and their parents at High Street Primary School, Barry, were invited to an after-school story telling event organised by Lesley Matthews and Tracey Scott as part of the community focused schools 'supporting families' initiative.

This event was to highlight how enjoyable reading together can be for both children and parents.

The children and their parents formed a reading circle and Mrs Howell, Headteacher, read the children the story 'Itchy Bear' by Neil Griffiths.

Pupils were encouraged to take part in the story telling, by answering questions about the antics of the bear, while looking at the illustrations. Following the storytelling, parents and children were invited to stay for cake and tea and talk about the book in an informal setting.

Every child went home with a copy of *The Tiger That Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, which was funded by the Vale's Community Focused Schools Team.

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A basketball double for St Richard Gwyn

IT was a double celebration for both the year-10 and year-11 boys at St Richard Gwyn, who won not only the Vale Basketball League, but also the Cardiff and Vale Cup, when they competed at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff recently.

In both year group games, the boys faced Llantwit Major and the teams were evenly matched with speed, athleticism and skill levels. They had previously met in finals and league games.

In the early stages of each final, neither team could stamp its authority on the game, trading missed and scored points.

However, in the later stages, the boys from St Richard Gwyn rallied and ran out winners, the year-10 boys winning 36–23, and the year-11s winning 37–24.

For the year-10s, this is the third double, winning previous trophies in year-8 and year-9.

For the year-11s, this was the first in three attempts.

Boys PE teacher Mr Leftley said: "Today was about achieving our potential, and proving to ourselves that in big games we could play our best basketball.

"The boys did extremely well, beating much bigger schools and for the year-11s, it ends the disappointment from previous years as runners up.

"A special thanks goes out to all the parents who took the time to come and support the boys, to Mr Brown of Llantwit Major School, and the officials who kindly organised and ran the finals."

The boys teams now move onto the Welsh national semi-finals where the year-10s were crowned national champions last year.

BRYN HAFREN YOUNG SPORTS STARS ARE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

THE 2011 sports teams were recognised for their international and county honours at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School recently.

The headteacher, Mr Phil Whitcombe, praised the pupils and the sports department for its on-going dedication – not forgetting the invaluable support of parents too!

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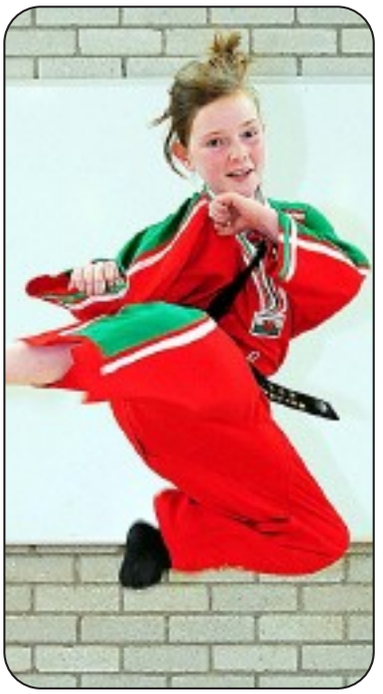

Some pupils have represented Wales in their chosen sports.

Errors condemn team to defeat

Barrians slump against Sully

BARRIANS	5
SULLY	26

BARRIANS entertained Sully on a fine spring afternoon for only their third home game of the season.

The Sully forwards were dominant from the off, and despite playing against the elements in the first half, they had the advantage in territory and possession.

Barry winger Ashley Adams, who was curiously playing for the away side, scored early on to give Sully the lead.

This was further increased after Sully exploited a huge overlap on their left to give them a 12-point advantage.

The home side did have chances in their opposition's twenty-two but lacked the ruthless cutting edge to finish off with points on the board.

This was perfectly demonstrated when scrum-half Jim Thorne, clean through, chose to ran towards the posts and was tackled instead of just grounding the ball out wide.

The Barrian cause was not helped by their mediocre play in the breakdown area, with balls frequently lost in contact, although Nick Rolfe was having a fine game at the base of the scrum.

Shane Parker did bundle over towards the end of the first half to reduce the deficit, but more handling errors after the break were capitalised by the away side, condemning the Barrians to a home defeat.

Team: Williams; Chow (c), Davies, Parker, Jenkins; Thorne, Bailey; Houldey, Bergeron, Lundy; Moffat, Tobin; Rendall, Jones, Rolfe. Subs: Case, Hosking, Dop, J Thomas, M Thomas, Palmer, O'Riordan.

Man-of-the-match: Rolfe.

KC

CADOXTON TAE KWON DO AT WELSH MASTERS

ON Sunday, March 13, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the first of a series of six Welsh Masters Grand Prix tournaments.

Thomas Haysham and Lucy Newman got us off to a good start by taking second and third places in the pattern section. Once the patterns were over, the point and continuous sparring categories got under way.

Competing for the first time were young Cameron Williams, Dafydd Jones and Demi Baker. Cameron went on to take first in continuous sparring and second in the point sparring, while Dafydd took second in the continuous.

Demi Baker gave a good account of herself, just losing out on a medal by one point during extra time.

Liam Rees worked hard to come away with third place in the point sparring, while Matthew Bennett took the silver and second in the continuous sparring.

Lucy Newman took second place, with Hayley Mattey taking third in the point sparring sections.

Continually improving, Cian Allen came first in point and third in continuous sparring, while Shannon Haysham took second in point and third in continuous sparring.

Having some hard fights, Morganne Gomez Jones eventually came away with second place in both the point and continuous sparring. Competing in the point sparring sections, Charlotte Sullivan took first place and the gold.

In their separate age groups, Ollie Tipples and Thomas Haysham took the gold in both the point and continuous sparring, while Bradley Halford took gold in the point and silver in the continuous sparring.

Eighteen-year-old Jamie Halford competed in both the youth (17-21 years of age) and the men's point sparring sections and came away with first place in both categories.

The club are now in serious training for the world games which are being held in Cardiff in August and are actively seeking sponsors for this event.

For further information and training times, telephone 01446 406372 or 07811 934079.

RON THOMAS

Tennis star Alex serves for success!

BARRY'S junior tennis player Alex Hamer was put through his paces after taking part in the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) national talent ID finals at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton.

The nine-year-old was one of 100 youngsters from across the south invited to the session at the National Tennis Centre after successfully progressing through county and regional talent ID days to make the final week.

Alex showed off his skills in front of the LTA Talent ID team who were aiming to spot future performance players, who, even at such an early age, were displaying the right attributes that could enable them to make a real impact on the game.

The Romilly Primary School pupil said: "I really liked all the activities and the atmosphere at the regional ID days so was excited about today. The sprinting is my favourite part and it's been great to play against other players from across the country."

The day was overseen by LTA head of talent management, Andrew Lewandowski, who was impressed by what he saw: "Alex has performed really well and shown lots of ability across a number of different tasks testing qualities including athletic ability, coordination, speed and agility and has shown a real natural talent and love for the sport."

ABOVE: Alex Hamer.

Vale under-11s are just pipped in quarter-final

LEFT: Rhydian Williams moves the ball out wide..

Captain Durlucia backed up by his pack.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Schools under-11s lost to Bridgend in the late stages of a well-fought match at the Old Penarthians ground on a sunny and windy Saturday morning.

The teams had met each other earlier in the season and Bridgend had come away narrow winners then by 12-10, so a close game was on the cards.

The first half was evenly matched, with Bridgend using their useful outside-half to good effect, dummying well and feeding his pacy backline, being marshalled by fierce tackling by Sam Corkhill, Fin Davies and Cameron Roy.

The Vale backs were not be outdone and hit back with determined running from Harrison Ashby and Rhodri Hopkins on the flanks, and great counter attacking from Joseff Williams, and centres Bevan Howell and Rhydian Williams, while the half-backs of Ioan Williams and Rhys Bradshaw kept the Bridgend back row and their opposite numbers guessing.

Some great tackling by both Jack Roberts and Bevan Howell gained possession for the Vale and when they decided to use their effective forwards from a tap penalty, the Vale kept the ball well through four ruck phases but unfortunately knocked on, losing possession.

From the resulting scrum, the Bridgend backs ran hard only for a wayward pass to be plucked from the air by Ashby, who ran 50 metres to score under the posts. Howell converted to make the score 7-0 at half-time.

Bridgend soon hit back in the second half and when the Vale tried to clear their lines, the Bridgend back three ran back well and their impressive flanker Lewis beat two tacklers to score. The conversion was missed, keeping the Vale ahead by two.

Bridgend soon found themselves camped in the Vale 22 and from a scrum, they kept the ball in contact, scored near the posts; and converted for a 12–7 lead.

Chasing the game with only one minute remaining, the Vale restarted only to find Bridgend had other ideas about who should score next and a strong run by their flanker saw him score in the corner to make the final score 7-19 to Bridgend.

In the clubhouse afterwards, captains gave their speeches of thanks to fellow players, coaches, parents, caterers and referee.

Vale squad: Jake Griffiths, Max Lucas, Finlay Davies, Max Cunnington, Cameron Roy, Sam Corkhill, Jack Roberts, Rhys Durlucia (captain), Ioan Williams, Rhys Bradshaw, Bevan Howell, Rhydian Williams, Rhodri Hopkins, Harrison Ashby, Joseff Williams, Dan Holden, Rhys Jones, Ioan Lewis, Ben Jones.

DW

Players picked to tour South Africa

TOM MERILAHT and Mike Lloyd of Cowbridge have been selected by the South Wales Cricket Association to take part in its tour to South Africa in February 2013.

Obviously last season's form was noticed in places other than Cowbridge. Between them, they scored more than 1,200 runs and took 20 catches.

Also, Tom took 26 wickets with his particular brand of leg spin.

A spokesman said: "The club is delighted that two of its players have been recognised in such an outstanding way. It is hoped that they can perform even better next season."

DL

The Rhoose under-12s tame Park Lions

RHOOSE used the wind to their advantage in the first half with Cameron Leach and Daniel Cope both having good efforts on goal.

Rhoose took the lead when Jay Munn played in Josh Morgan, who rounded two defenders before finding the net.

In the second half, Park Lions pressurised the Rhoose goal and goalkeeper Michael Wilson was called into action on several occasions.

Central defenders Matt Cottington and Ryan Hughes made some strong challenges and timely interceptions.

Park Lions equalised with a well worked move. Both sides went for the win with Rhoose defenders Patrick O'Carroll and Edward Thomas having to work hard. Lee Bartlett was unlucky to have a well struck effort blocked on the line.

With minutes remaining, Jordan Holt played a through ball into the path of Mitch McCabe, who hit an unstoppable left foot drive into the roof of the net which proved to be the winner.

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Cowbridge B team are 'squashed' to the lower leagues

COWBRIDGE A Bar 44 rounded off their season with a highly commendable 3–2 win at Rhiwbina to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with at the South Wales Division One B level.

Meanwhile, B team Bar 44 failed in their task to retain South Glamorgan Division One status by going down 1–4 to league winners Barry Leisure A.

A team skipper Nick Guard reminded his men that a single point from their week 10 fixture at Rhiwbina would mean safety, but also that a big points margin win against the second-placed club could mean promotion!

No 5 Niall Sloan started strongly against his teenage opponent ,going into a 2–0 lead only to lose his way and end up second-best in a five-setter.

Simon Payne levelled the match with a solid 3–1 at No 4, finishing strongly to take the fourth set 9–1.

Garfield Leask managed to level his match at 1–1 but could not quite find that extra gear to close out on the highly competitive Rhiwbina No 3 Chris Powell, losing out 7–9, 4–9 in the third and fourth games.

The fighting qualities of this team were exemplified by Nos 1 and 2, Nick Guard and Jon Bisson. Both returning 3–1 wins, Guard dropped the third game while Bisson came back from losing a poor first match.

The result was 16–10, giving rise to a league position just seven points adrift of their league runners-up opponents.

Recent results and a controversial walkover awarded to Rhiwbina had given rise to Cowbridge B requiring 14 points from their final match against league leaders Barry Leisure A to avoid relegation – a tall order indeed, especially with regular No 2 Chris Ranger missing from the line-up.

Brave performances by Paul Reynish (No 1) and Richie Ford (No 2) saw the former taking the first set in his match before ending up second best, while Ford won two 10–9 tie breaks, and was 6–1 up in the fifth before going down 7–9.

Cowbridge B man of the match was Colin Baxter, who blew away his No 4 opponent to win 9–6, 9–0, 9–1.

Unfortunately, Julian Jenkins (No 3) and Russ Watts (No 5) could not match this performance and were outplayed in their 0–3 results.

The match score was 7–16; not enough to reach safety and so the team take the drop to South Glamorgan Division Two, hoping to bounce back in the autumn session.

The Cowbridge C Shampan match versus Cardiff University B had to be postponed owing to Varsity day for the students.

Meanwhile, the coming weeks see Cowbridge squash activities take on a more domestic slant, with the onset of the club singles and doubles tournaments.

All squash details from club chairman Clive Prigg (01446 773729) or club skipper russ.watts@btopenworld.com.

RW

Trophies are presented at swimming club's evening

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club held its 85th AGM and presentation evening recently at Market Street Sports and Social Club.

Mrs Heulwen Cooper, club chairperson, opened the meeting by welcoming life members of the club, Mr Ray Owens and his wife Sheila, Mr Glynn Davies, Mr Geoff Doonan, Mrs Stephanie Cody, Mrs Jen Wilcox, Mrs Cherrie Temple and Mrs Trudi Phillips.

Heulwen talked about the success of the club during the year and the sad loss of some swimmers who have emigrated or gone on to swim at a higher level with other clubs.

Changes to the constitution were discussed and voted in, as were members of the committee.

Sadly, Louise Hamer, who had been club secretary for a short time, stood down due to other commitments, but Cheryl Hopkins volunteered to take on this role.

The club is in desperate need for more helpers to help run the club, as everyone who helps with the club is a volunteer.

Heulwen thanked the coaches of the club for all their hard work and dedication to the club as a few of them don't even have children swimming with the club anymore.

These included Mr Paul Buckle, who has taken parts of the role of chief coach; Mike Looker, who takes the older swimmers, as well as Barrie Crompton, Peter Lewis, Mark Currie, Simon Insole, Kay Rogers, Gemma Ewington, Martin Harris; also some of the older swimmers who have been helping poolside, Jonathan Haggett and Lindsay Kerslake - without these the club would not be able to run.

Club captains for 2011–2012 were announced after voting took place in February.

The swimmers voted that Rhys Perry and Lindsay Kerslake should be captains, and Kieran Knowles and Georgia Looker vice captains; well done to all of you, as this is such a big honour.

This year, our trophies were presented to the swimmers by Justina Simpson, who organised 'Lengths for Life', the sponsored swim our club took part in at the same time as the postal swim recently.

Mark Currie and Ellie Ingram presented Justina with a cheque for 'Lengths for Life' for a grand total of £1,040, of which coach Mark Currie raised just over £260.

Jacob Davies presented her with some flowers as a thank you for attending the event.

The main event of the night was to present the trophies and medals that were won at the club championships held last November.

The swimmers were excited to receive their trophies and medals as they had something to show for their hard work and training.

Also during the evening, the special trophies were presented. After coming second in all his events, Ashley Gulwell finally received a trophy for 'best runner up' with a total of 25 points, which is the maximum, to a very loud cheer.

Ellie Ingram and Bethan Williams shared the girls' with 25 points, while Ellie Ingram and Connor Grant won the 'best girl and boy newcomer' trophy for their determination and their enormous improvement in a relatively short time with the club.

The 'best novice trophies' went to joint girls winners Grace Insole and Amy McAndrew, and Declan Ewington (boys) for their improvement during their time with the club.

Ffion Goodland and Jonathan Bowden received 'most improved swimmer' for their competitive ability and performance which has improved significantly during the past year.

The next few trophies were presented to the helpers of the club for their hard work and dedication.

The loyalty cup went to Paul Buckle for all his work poolside with the younger swimmers.

Teresa Wheeler won the ladies' Kings Lynn cup for all the hard work she puts into the club.

Lady club member of the year went to Gemma Ewington for her hard work poolside, while men's club member of the year went to Mark Currie, who turns out each week to coach.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club so if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784; we swim at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool.

TW

The 9-10 year old trophy and medal winners, (Back Row) James Hamer, Luke Birnage, Grace Insloe and Justina Simpson, (Front Row) Sam Smith, Shaun Bowden, Mollie Hopkins and Bethan Williams

PICTURED: (Back Row) Teresa Wheeler, Paul Buckle, Jonathan Bowden, Justina Simpson and Ffion Goodland. (Front Row) Grace Insole, Bethan Williams, Ellie Ingram and Ashley Gulwell.

ABOVE: Mark Currie, Ellie Ingram, and Jacob Davies presenting the cheque for 'Lengths for Life' to Justina Simpson.

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Competition is so close...

Barrie Melhuish, Tony McCarthy, Kevin Latham, Bryan Wadham and Gwyn Thomas.

FARMER GWYN IS SO UNLUCKY AS BRYAN PIPS HIM

MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society gathered last Thursday for their monthly meeting at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in Penarth, kindly sponsored by Hire One Ltd.

This famous club which, in October 1890, became the first to introduce golf to south-east Wales, has since produced three Welsh amateur champions and is steeped in history.

Readers may like to know it was at the Glamorganshire on September 30, 1898, that the late Dr Frank Barney Gorton Stableford first introduced the stableford method of scoring when he tried it out on fellow members. This system is now utilised and revered by amateur golfers the world over.

It is also probable that no other golf club in the world can lay claim to have hosted so many great rugby players, as the famous Barbarians rugby football club were regular visitors to this hospitable club every Easter from 1901 to 1966.

It is also recorded that it was the inspiration and expertise of their members that helped create several other courses in south Wales, notably Radyr and Southerndown.

At one stage last Thursday, it looked as if another piece of history was about to be made.

News filtered back to the clubhouse that Vale farmer Gwyn Thomas was about to secure his first-ever major trophy. Needing just a par on the intimidating closing hole, popular member Gwyn would surely have achieved this objective but for a wayward tee shot on the final hole.

Unfortunately for Gwyn, conscious of the proximity of the clubhouse on the left of the green, his tee shot became entangled with the branches of some of the 40 foot high trees to the right of the green.

A double bogey on this hole to finish with 32 stableford points proved costly, taking Gwyn from first to third place, just one point behind runner-up Tony McCarthy and two points behind overall winner Bryan Wadham, who finished with 34 points. This was Bryan's first individual success since 2003 when he was successful on three occasions. Mike Lee finished fourth.

Despair for John and Martin

A bad day at the office for John Davies and Martin David was rewarded by the steward of the host club, Brian Williams, who, in addition to offering a free counselling service, also provided both with best endeavour prizes.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Keith Walker, Bryan Wadham, Bryan Owen, Dai John, Clive Thomas and Tosh Taylor, who was also successful by winning the 'James Hog Roasts' sponsored longest drive competition.

Barrie Melhuish, with just 27 points, won the guest section, two more than Rev David Smith who was runner-up.

Sponsors' representative Kevin Latham returned home with the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing 15 balls would fail to make the journey home, which raised £100 for the Samaritans Purse captain's charity.

Society president Geraint Davies presided over the evening's official presentation ceremony standing in for Neil McLean and David Harris, both enjoying a well earned rest following their sterling efforts the previous month.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at Cradoc Golf Club near Brecon, when members will be competing for their own version of the Walker Cup, proudly sponsored by Cowbridge solicitors Gaskell & Walker.

TMcC

B Attack show 'Howe' to win

B ATTACK knew just 'Howe' to move towards mid-table in an extremely congested Bridgend Sunday six-a-side league last week – Greg Howe proving the difference as they squeaked a potentially vital 3–2 victory over Croissants.

There was a quite astonishing game in division one. Few had been expecting fireworks as mid-table rivals Hardly Athletic and Minter Phoenix clashed, certainly Phoenix couldn't have been expecting an 8–1 loss as Jay Williams got among the goals.

LFFC are moving in the right direction in the Bridgend six-a-side league, and won what might be a crucial basement battle with Hangover Heroes 4–2. Jeremy Griffiths starred in that one, while Gavin Davies did likewise as Beer Attack beat FC Ogmore by the only goal.

FC Falcons are not giving up the Cardiff six-a-side league title without a fight, and are second only on goal difference after beating CC Allstars 11–3 as Luke Bowen starred.

They now need to beat Riverside on the last day and hope that leaders Tudor Motors slip up – although they are showing little signs of that and crushed Penarth Panthers 6–0 to remain at the summit.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football leagues in South Wales can ring 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net.

Atlantic College 10K race draws young and old – and those raising funds for charity!

THE Atlantic College 10K run took place on March 20 in ideal conditions for the competitors – and those who just wanted to participate.

As you can see from the images there were people young and old, those from around the globe, and some individuals taking the opportunity to raise money for deserving causes like Help for Heroes. (Please see below for the results).

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Atlantic College 10k running results

THE results of the Atlantic College 10k race on March 20 were:

Pos	Time	Pos All	Name	Race No	Club	Pos
Atlantic College (female):						
1	49.08	232	Cecilia Karlsson	232	AC Student	148
2	50.31	175	Anette Plassen	181	AC Student	175
3	53.12	215	Natscha Vogel	269	AC Student	215
Atlantic College (Male)						
1	39.33	39	So Nakayama	179	AC Student	39
2	40.18	45	Pjotr Sauer	217	AC Student	45
3	43.58	80	Mais Gabriel Johansen	428	Atlantic College	80
Atlantic College Staff						
1	41.36	52	Paul Belcher	49	AC Staff	52
2	42.44	62	Kyle Jennermann	274	Atlantic College	62
3	43.41	75	Ruth Pickvance	279	Atlantic College	75
Female Vet 35-44						
1	39.39	41	Sharon Leech	60	Carmarthen Harriers	41
2	43.45	77	Sally Wilson	316	Ingli	77
3	44.30	87	Charlotte Johns	360	Brackla Harriers	87
Female Vet 45-54						
1	39.41	43	Melanie Ellis	92	Shaftesbury Barnet	43
2	42.33	59	Kim Wehden	426	Islwyn	59
3	45.15	93	Debbie Cooke	165	Bridgend AC	93
Female Vet 55+						
1	43.49	78	Dawn Kenwright	314	Sarn Helen	78
2	50.22	172	Gwynetth Parry	396	Unattached	172
3	50.45	178	Yvonne Williams	110	Penarth and Dinas	178
Ladies under-35						
1	36.09	16	Anne-Marie Hutchinson	299	Neath	16
2	37.23	18	Natasha Cockram	371	Cwmbran	18
3	37.33	21	Kate Roberts	386	Bridgend AC	21
Male Vet 40-49						
1	33.12	4	Austin Davies	104	Brecon Athletics Club	4
2	33.38	5	Julian Baker	340	Les Croupiers	5
3	33.52	6	Phil Cook	439	Les Croupiers	6
Male Vet 50-59						
1	35.59	14	Scott Howell	155	Les Croupiers	14
2	36.06	15	Alan Davies	352	Unattached	15
3	37.32	20	Mick McGeogh	130	Les Croupiers	20
Male Vet 60+						
1	38.40	30	Richard Marks	433	Sarn Helen	30
2	39.08	35	Sandy Johnston	442	Les Croupiers	35
3	44.05	81	Gary Gunner	48	Croft Ambery	81
Men under-39						
1	31.23	1	Rowan Axe	139	Cardiff AAC	1
2	31.28	2	Afan Humphries	292	Swansea	2
3	31.37	3	Richard Garder	424	Unattached	3

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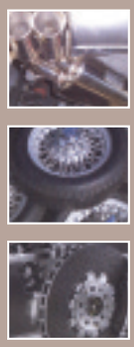

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Phyllis (Phyl)
The family would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and prayers and also for the many cards and messages of condolence.
They would also like to thank everyone who attended and were involved with the services at Llanblethian Church and Coychurch Crematorium, including Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors of Cowbridge for their help with the arrangements.

BARLEY
Lucy
Formerly of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex and latterly Llantwit Major, South Wales. Died peacefully at The Rise Care Home, Dawlish, Devon on 29 March 2011 with her family at her side.
Beloved wife of the late Basil and mother of Carol and Mette, grandmother of Kirsty and Hannah and mother-in-law of David Cotgrove and Dave Cartwright.
Will remain forever in our memory as a very gentle, caring lady.
The Funeral Service will be held in St Paul's Chapel, Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Thursday 7th April at 11.15am.
Family Flowers only, but any donations for Lucy's favourite charity, the RSPB, would be gratefully received c/o B G Wills & Son Funeral Service 23 Brunswick Place, Dawlish.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 27 OF THE POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL (DARPARIAETHAU AMRYWIOL) 1982 FEL Y'I DIWYGIWYD GAN ADRAN 27 O DDEDDF PLISMONA A THROSEDD 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on 28th February 2011 Vale of Glamorgan Council ("the Council") passed a resolution that the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("The Act") as amended by Section 27 of The Policing and Crime Act 2009 shall apply to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with effect from 1st June 2011.

The effect of this resolution is that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be able to regulate sex establishments. Any person wishing to operate a sex establishment as defined by Schedule 3 requires a sex establishment licence, unless the requirement for a licence has been waived by the Council.

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Adoption will also ensure applications for sex establishments are considered and activities are appropriately controlled under the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Licensing regime.

Further information is available at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by contacting the Licensing Section on 01446 709105 or email Licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

HYSBYSIR TRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bwrdeistref Bro Morgannwg ("y Cyngor") ar 28 Chwefror 2011 wedi penderfynu mabwysiadu Atodlen 3 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982 ("y Ddeddf"), fel y'i diwygiwyd gan Adran 27 o Ddeddf Plismona a Throseddu 2009. Daw i rym ar 1 Mehefin 2011.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
Designation of Consent Streets in the Vale of Glamorgan

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LLEOL (DARPARIAETHAU AMRYWIOL) 1982
Dynodiad Strydoedd Caniatad yn Bro Morgannwg

NOTICE is hereby given under Schedule 4 to the above Act that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has passed a resolution to designate all streets in their district as Consent Streets, for the purposes of street trading as defined by that Act, including all forecourts, roads, footways, or other areas adjacent to all streets in the resolution for a distance of 15 metres. There will be no licence streets.

The resolution will have effect from 1st June 2011.

The effect of the designation is to prohibit any person from trading in any street unless they have obtained a Street Trading Consent authorising such activity from the Council.

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Dated 7th April 2011

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TEAM TAKE TITLES AT SPORTSHALL EVENT

PUPILS representing Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools have enjoyed a number of notable successes at the Welsh Sportshall Finals since the event was re-organised in 2005.

The format has returned to eight competing teams, with each team based on the school districts used for Welsh Schools' track and field and cross-country competitions.

As long ago as 2006, Oliver Trotman (Cowbridge), now in year-13 but then in year-8, was invited to the UK finals as a wild card in the under-13 standing long jump.

For the following two years, the district's under-15 boys teams, which included Cowbridge pupils, won their section at the Welsh Sportshall and qualified directly to the UK finals, and, in 2010, another Vale year-8, George Griffiths, became the second Cowbridge pupil to receive a wildcard invitation to the UK Sportshall finals, where he set a new benchmark by winning the under-13 boys event with a new Welsh record of 2.69 metres.

Even given that record, no-one could quite believe the results of the Cardiff and the Vale boys team at this year's Aviva Welsh Sports Hall at Cwmbran in early March.

The team, selected after competitions held at Whitchurch High in January and February, was organised by Miss Sarah Moore and Mr Joe Sage of Willows, while Mr Glan Williams, a huge enthusiast for sportshall for many years, was the team manager.

In the under-15 boys competition, for years 9 and 10, there was possibly slight disappointment for year-9 George Griffiths (Cowbridge) in a team drawn largely from Cardiff High School.

Although he will be pleased by his 8.18 metres leap to take top spot in the standing long jump – a performance which is short of Paul Samaden's Cardiff and the Vale best of 8.48m – and he will be relieved at his 'normal style' shot performance of 11.52 metres following a difficult standing throw competition, the 24.3 seconds clocking in the two laps event – a performance which ranked only sixth equal on the day – will grate a little.

In terms of points, 39 in the two laps, 42 for the shot and 50 in the standing triple jump gave an overall score of 131, which was good enough for third place behind two north Walian year-10 pupils – Connor Laverty (North West) and Luke Ward (North East).

With the Cardiff and the Vale squad winning the 4 x 2 laps relay and finishing second in the two-boy eight-lap paarlauf, plus placing three athletes in the top seven in the individual competition, with a fourth scorer at 15th, the first surprise of the day was a team win with 638 points, 18 points ahead of second-placed Powys.

That first team success was followed by an unprecedented second.

The under-13 boys team included one winner from 2010 – Tom Trotman (Cowbridge), one of Oliver's younger brothers, who had won the four laps event.

This year, he contested the two laps and high jump events and won both with encouraging performances, to claim 64 points.

Backing that up were top three performances from Kristian Jones (four laps), Rian Thomas (six laps and standing long jump), and Ellis Rosser (six laps), plus victories for the 4 x 2 laps and eight laps two-boy paarlauf, and bronze medal runs from the obstacle and 4 x 1 laps relay squads – the outcome was a first ever team win, with a huge total of 740 again seeing off the challenge from Powys.

In the girls' events, the top performance was set by Radyr's Claire Taylor. The year-9 pupil hit new heights in winning the under-15 all rounder title – the first time that a Cardiff and the Vale girl has won this title. Helping that team to second place behind Dyfed were three Cowbridge girls – Izzy Eddy-Williams, Caitlin Allin and Sarah Lewis.

At under-13, the top Vale performance was set by Maya Bell (Cowbridge) with her 2.15 metres leap in the standing long jump, which gained second place and the event silver medal.

So the curtain came down on the Aviva Welsh Sportshall finals with Cardiff and the Vale taking two boys' team titles and the under-15 girls' all-rounder win, but now a chapter opens. Mr Glan Williams organised teams of 12 under-13 boys and seven under-15 boys, plus Claire Taylor, to travel up to the National Exhibition Centre outside Birmingham on Sunday, April 3, to compete in the Aviva UK Sportshall finals. It was a huge, new experience, and the competition was very, very hard.

Results of Vale pupils competing for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan (unless stated) – under-15 Boys – Years 9 and 10 – Team: - 1st (638).

3rd George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 131 (2 Laps – 24.3 (39); Shot – 11.52m (42); Standing Triple Jump – 8.18m (50)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 1st – 1:35.9 (80); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 2nd – 1:48.1 (70).

Under-13 boys – Team: - 1st (740) – Years 7 and 8 – Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 64 (2 Laps – 1st – 24.7 (32); High Jump – 1st – 1.55m (32)); Kristian Jones (Cowbridge) 58 (4 Laps – 1st – 53.8 (32); Speed Bounce – 4th – 66 (26)); Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) 58 (6 Laps – 2nd – 1:29.2 (30); Standing Long Jump – 3rd – 2.17m (28)); Ellis Rosser (Cowbridge) 48 (6 Laps – 3rd – 1:30.5 (28); Vertical Jump – 7th – 46cm (20)); Daniel Oddy (Cowbridge) 20 (Shot – 7th – 7.16m (20)); Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) 24 (Shot – 5th – 9.16m (24)); Harrison Stevens (Cowbridge) 26 (Vertical Jump – 4th – 49 (26)) 4 x 2 Laps relay – 1st – 1:43.5 (80); 4 x 1 Lap relay – 3rd – 53.6 (60); Obstacle relay – 3rd – 1:29.7 (60); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 1st – 1:54.9 (80).

Under-15 Girls – Years 9 and 10 – Team: - 2nd (547); 8th Izzy Eddy Williams (Cowbridge) 116 (4 Laps – 60.0 (30); Speed Bounce – 75 (40); Standing Long Jump – 2.21m (44)); 15th Caitlin Allin (Cowbridge) 102 [2 Laps – 26.9 (36); Speed Bounce – 75 (40); Vertical Jump – 43cm (26)); 20th Sarah Lewis (Cowbridge) 89 (2 Laps – 28.4 (20); Speed Bounce – 71 (25); Vertical Jump – 48cm (44)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 4th – 1:48.6 (50); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 4th – 2:01.0 (40).

Competing for Glamorgan Valleys – 38= Alice Nottingham (Stanwell) 54 [4 Laps – 62.8 (18); Speed Bounce – 66 (12); Standing Long Jump – 1.95m (24)).

Under-13 Girls – Years 7 and 8 – Team: - 4th (532); Molly Brown (Llantwit) 41 (2 Laps – 7th – 28.1 (20); Speed Bounce – 66 (21); Ela Emyr (Cowbridge) 22 [4 Laps – 12th – 63.9 (10); Vertical Jump – 11th – 39 (12)); Seren Marsh (Stanwell) 22 [6 Laps – 9th – 1:45.0 (16); Standing Long Jump – 14th - 1.75m (6)); Maya Bell (Cowbridge) 48 (6 Laps – 1:42.3 (18); Standing Long Jump – 2nd – 2.15m (30)); Tamara Pitt (Llantwit) 24 [High Jump – 5th – 1.25m (24)); Brooke Langton-Cryer (Cowbridge) 22 (Shot – 7.35m (22)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 4th – 1:54.7 (50); 4 x 1 Lap relay – 5th – 57.6 (40); Obstacle relay – 4th – 1:32.4 (10); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 7th – 2:12.4 (20).

Competing for Glamorgan Valleys – Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cowbridge) 31 (4 Laps – 9th= - 63.2 (15); Standing Long Jump – 2.01m – 9th (16)).

Report PETE MORRIS
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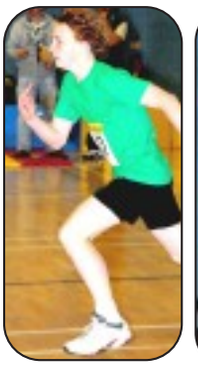
Izzy Eddy Williams (Cowbridge) on her debut in the under-15 girls all-rounder competition.



Year-8 Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) added to his cross-country performances with medals in both the six laps and standing long jump.

Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) finished fifth in the under-13 shot.

Cowbridge year-8 Tom Trotman was winner of the under-13 two laps and high jump.

George Griffiths (Cowbridge) third in the under-15 boys all rounder competition.

Barry Tigers show off their new kit

BARRY Celt's Tigers under-11s are pictured with their new kit, kindly sponsored by Matthew Sage of Sage Roofing; also in the photo is Darren Perry, team coach.

With the team going up to under-12s next year we will be looking for more players; for information, please contact Darren on 01446 406896.

We are also looking for players who are currently in year-4 for next season's under-10s.

MB

A hectic weekend at St Andrews Golf Club

THE golfing season started with a packed weekend at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

The occasional shower did not deter the attendance of both members and guests for the 'crazy gang' monthly medal on Saturday, with Phil Fidler taking the honours with a net score of 70 and Mark Weaver and I Francis with 73.

Sunday's events included the ladies' April medal, won by Lynne Peters, and the 'Sunday swingers' stableford competition won by John Lock; but the main event of the weekend was the seniors medal competition, which attracted an excellent turn out, and for the first time, included several of the club's lady members.

Some unexpected good weather produced some very good results with top honours in the seniors medal going to John Lock, overall winner with a net 64 (second win of the weekend), G W Thomas, overall runner-up with a net 67 and Alvin Brown, overall third with a net 69.

With Sunday also being Mother's Day, the restaurant catered for over 260 members and visitors who enjoyed the special three course meal prepared by the club chef, Gareth Dommett and his hard working staff.

Membership continues to grow steadily, especially in the juniors section with many talented youngsters starting to emerge.

The seniors section is also developing with the seniors captain, Roger Parsons, arranging more competitions to take place on weekends and midweek.

Preparations are also well under way for the annual sponsors cup day where we invite local businesses to enter a four ball team, playing stableford, where the best three scores on each hole count.

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'Ton' comeback leaves Wick as the runners-up

Mid Glamorgan District League Division 1	
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THE visit of Tonmawr was crucial to both sides as the result of the game would decide the league runners-up place for the season.

During the first quarter of the match, both sides were equally balanced, with Paul Creed opening the scoring for the home side with a penalty which was answered by the visitors.

The breakdown area was ferocious, and that showed on open side flanker Luke McNaughton, who required stitches.

With the use of the wind, Wick took control with two tries from back row forward Morgan Thomas, taking his season's try count into double figures. Both were converted by Paul Creed, while wing Aaron Haines scored an unconverted try which gave Wick a 22-3 lead at half-time.

Tonmawr used the second half to stage a strong fightback, opening with two tries, one of which was converted, to bring them back into the match.

The Wick defence held firm until captain Dave Edbrooke had to leave the field with a dislocated elbow and in the closing moments of the game, the visitors scored a try which, with a superb touchline conversion, ended the match in the draw.

With honours shared it was Wick who claimed the runners-up spot in the league for the season.

Now that the league programme has been completed, Wick now must focus for May 7, when they will meet Tondu in the final of the District Cup.

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Barry under-9s end their season on high with win

BARRY under-9s played their last league game of the season at home against a strong and larger Rhiwbina team which was always going to be a tough test!

Barry started with a series of tries; however, Rhiwbina fought back hard and were rewarded with some fine individual tries.

The Barry pack retained possession, but a few silly mistakes allowed Rhiwbina to come back.

There was a fine display of attack from Max, who scored two tries, and this was then followed by a great finish from Mason and another try saving tackle.

Louie finished off a well executed try with a pass from Sam.

Calvin tackled well and showed his determination and strength to score in the corner, followed by a strong run from Ryan to score and put Barry ahead.

The final try came from Barry's Powell, the match finishing with a 7–5 win to Barry.

Barry remained the top finishers of the league. only losing one match all season.

A huge thank you goes out to all the players who have been a pleasure to coach and who have played consistently well and, more importantly, shown a fantastic attitude and behaviour in training each week; let's make sure we keep it up for next season.

Under-9 squad: Joel, Coops, Jake, Jacob, Max, Ryan, Louie, Calvin, Sam, Rhys P, Rhys A, Morgan, Taylor, Conner W, Conner, Mason, Daniel, Scott and newcomers James, Rydian and Dylan.

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GREAT RESULTS FOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTS AT BARRY'S YMCA

THE rhythmic gymnastics section at the Barry YMCA have topped their results from last year with some impressive recent performances.

The season started with the squad trials in February, and the club entered 10 girls across the two squad trials, starting with the preparation squad for gymnasts under the age of 12, followed by the national squad trials for older gymnasts.

Megan McIntyre regained her space in the national squad and was joined by team mate Gemma Frizelle, who only started rhythmic gymnastics one year ago, and has made excellent progress within the club.

Freya Evans regained her space in the preparation section, and was joined by team mates Joanna Hourihan and Elen Williams.

Girls across the squads have also been invited to attend weekly training with national choreographer Ioana Popova to improve their competition performance.

Retired club member Lorelei Westcott has been selected as one of the preparation coaches, passing on her knowledge and experience to the younger gymnasts.

The club would like to extend congratulations to the following gymnasts who also took part; Chloe Johns, Ffion Byrne, Seren Cummings, Daisy Connolly and Lowri McIntyre.

The club then moved forwards to the grades competition which took place on March 26 in the Welsh Institute of Sport.

In this event, gymnasts compete at different grades according to age and can achieve a pass, merit or distinction level.

Gymnasts achieving merits progress onto the first stage of the British competition circuit advancing to the British grades finals in May, and gymnasts achieving distinctions coupled with passing a flexibility test advance to the prestigious British championships in June.

In the youngest age group (grade 6), Chelsea George (10) competed with rope, ball and free routines and achieved a pass.

At grade 7 (age 11) Seren Cummings, Joanna Hourihan and Megan McIntyre competed with ball, hoop and free routines.

Seren passed, Joanna gained a merit and will compete for the second year at the British grades finals, and Megan achieved a distinction and will once again represent the club at the British championships.

In Grade 8, the first year juniors Chloe Johns, Shanay Jenkins, Tayla Gerrish and Gemma Frizelle had four routines with apparatus (hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon); all the girls passed, and Gemma Frizelle showed great improvement from last year's competition to receive a merit and progress to the British grades finals.

Second year juniors Ffion Byrne and Elle Gwatkin both passed at grade 9, and senior gymnast Cody Byrne passed her grade 10.

Alongside the grades, a competition for gymnasts under the age of 10 was held and the Barry YMCA used the event to give competition experience to youngsters Elen Williams, Daisy Connolly and Freya Evans.

Lowri McIntyre joined her teammates to compete as a group in the group free and ball category.

The team placed third in free and second in ball, gaining more experience at working together in competition.

The club is now focusing on the next competition – the novice and intermediate championships where, last year, four Welsh champions were crowned from the Barry YMCA; the club will enter all competitive gymnasts over the age of 8.

The club coaches Fay Benningwood and Emma Thompson would also like to congratulate Rhianedd Dancey, Lorelei Westcott, Sarah Williams and Anne Thomas, who all completed their first level rhythmic gymnastics coaching award.

Sarah and Anne have worked especially hard for the award; as parent volunteers they have no background in the sport and have been a great help recently within the club structure, helping with coaching and organisation of gymnasts.

Rhianedd and Lorelei are both retired competitive gymnasts at the club, and it is great to have them on board to pass on their knowledge and experience; well done to you all!

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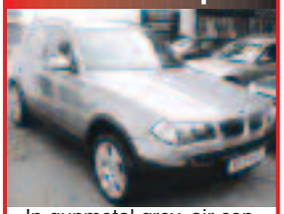

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BRIDGEND businessman David Brace saw his eight-year-old bay gelding *Doctor Tom* land a division of the maiden race in fine style at the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanvapley last Saturday.

Brace, who runs the Dunraven Stud Farm near Pyle, said: "I bought *Doctor Tom* in Ireland and his sire is the successful *Dr Massini* who is standing at my stud farm."

Doctor Tom, who was the fastest of the four divided maiden races, was ridden by Tom David and like Leighton Thomas' *Lady Trig*, which won the other division, is qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt.

Tom David, Nick Williams and Paul Tolman all rode doubles at the meeting.

Tolman (24), who was riding his first-ever double, was successful on *Goscar Rock* (Intermediate) and *Viking Affair* (maiden division two part two). Williams won on *Bob's Law* (restricted) and *Lady Trig* (maiden division one part two) and David on *Doctor Tom* (maiden division one part one) and *Wilkinson* (maiden division two part one).

Goscar Rock made nearly all to win by three-and-a-half lengths from *Cutlass Silver,* and *Viking Affair* came late on the scene to score by one-and-a-half lengths from *Ace High Blue*.

Bob's Law took over from the pacemaking *Beyond Dreams* three fences from the finish to win by three lengths, and *Lady Trig*, who has been knocking on the door, won by 30 lengths from the early leader *For The Hell Of It*.

The biggest cheers of the day, however, were for Pembrokeshire's John Mathias who won the men's open race on David Llewellyn's homebred *Rosies Peacock,* who had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over the favourite *Naunton Brook*, ridden by Willie Twiston-Davies, and who was going for a five-timer.

The ladies' open race went to Beth Roberts' *Chesnut Annie*, who won by a distance from *Mr Cee,* who had followed her home in last year's race. Beth said: "I dedicate this race to my mother Anne, who celebrates her birthday tomorrow. *Chesnut Annie* is named after her."

Unfortunately, *Chesnut Annie's* rider, Welsh champion Isabel Tompsett, was taken to hospital later when her mount, *Just Paris*, collided with a bale of hay during a division of the maiden race.

In one of the best members' races for years – seven of the eight entries faced the starter – *Classic Eclipse*, well ridden by Mathew Barber, came home five lengths clear of *Bayridge Mick* after the fancied *JamesDoubleYou* ran out at the open ditch on the second circuit.

Classic Eclipse, a full brother to winning chaser *Its A Classic*, is owned by Mr John Berry and trained by Paul Evans.

Starting prices – Members: *Classic Eclipse* (Mathew Barber) 4-1; Intermediate: *Goscar Rock* (Paul Tolman) 4-1; Men's Open: *Rosies Peacock* (John Mathias) 5-2; Ladies' Open: *Chesnut Annie* (Isabel Tompsett) 2-7 fav; Restricted: *Bob's Law* (Nick Williams) 3-1; Maiden Div: 1, Part 1, *Doctor Tom* (Tom David) 5-2; Maiden Div:1 Part 2, *Lady Trig* (Nick Williams) 3-1; Maiden:Div 1: Part 2, *Lady Trig* (Nick Williams) 3-1; Maiden Div: 2, Part 1, *Wilkinson* (Tom David) evens fav; Maiden Div 2: Part 2, *Viking Affair* (Paul Tolman) 3-1 co.fav.

The Curre & Llangibby hold the second of their two point-to-points at Howick near Chepstow Racecourse on Sunday; first race at 2pm.

VALEWAYS WALKS

ON Sunday, April 10 at 1.45pm, New Beaupre circular, starting from outside St Hilary church. Telephone 01446 749000.

On Wednesday, April 13 at 10.30am, a Heritage Coast spectacular, starting from New Mill Farm car park (a mile down lane from Plough & Harrow at Monknash). Telephone 01446 773422.

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

The Vale's Grand National hope!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams is hoping that his *State Of Play* can become the first horse actually trained in Wales to win the world's greatest steeplechase on Saturday since *Kirkland* won in 1905.

The 11-year-old *State Of Play*, which has not run since finishing third behind *Don't Push It* last year, was fourth the year before and Williams reports that his stable star is in fine fettle.

Last week he said: "He did his final piece of work on Saturday and he will have a school on Monday morning, but everything is good and we're happy with him.

"Stable jockey Paul Moloney has only been riding him very occasionally. I'm not concerned about the ground at Aintree. There might be a drop of rain in the middle of the week – it will be good fresh ground and there will be no excuses on that side."

Kirkland, which won the 1905 Grand National, was trained at Lawrenny Park in Pembrokeshire. There is a pub, originally called The Commercial in Tenby, which was renamed named The Kirkland Arms after him.

Wouldn't it be nice if *State Of Play* wins on Saturday and one of the pubs in the Vale changes its name to The State Of Play Arms!

Barry Island jockey won Grand National

IT was 40 years ago, in 1971, that John Cook, who was born just a furlong or so from Barry Island's sands, won the world's greatest steeplechase -the Aintree Grand National.

Cook, then 33, was having only his third ride in the race and in one of the closest finishes in the event's long history, he got his mount *Specify* home by a neck from *Black Secret* after six horses had jumped the last fence when all in with a chance.

Cook, who suffered a punctured lung, cracked ribs, broken legs and shattered collar bones during his race riding career, was drawn into racing as his parents were employed at Kingsclere Stables, looking after the stable lads.

He served part of his apprenticeship at Kingsclere with Evan Williams, who hailed from Cowbridge, and who had won the 1937 Grand National on *Royal Mail*.

After completing his National Service in the Royal Navy, he found he was too heavy for riding on the flat and he rode for Frank Cundell. At the Cheltenham Festival, he won the Champion Novices Chase on Mr Edward Courage's legendary *Spanish Steps* and he later won the Hennessey Cognac Gold Cup on the same horse.

Specify was owned by Fred Pontin of holiday camp fame and it was only Cook's skill and strength in the saddle that enabled him to snatch victory on the line. Just two and a half lengths separated the first three home.

Specify, who never won another race, was a 28-1 chance, and the following year ran well to finish sixth to *Well To Do*, but Cook was not in the saddle as he had fractured a leg so badly that he was unable to continue his race riding career.

He later emigrated to Australia with his family and it was there after a long illness bravely fought that he died in 1999 at the early age of 62.

It would be nice if the town of Barry were to honour John Dennis Cook, to give him his full name, in some way.

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BARRY FAIL TO DELIVER IN ABERCWMBOI

BARRY travelled to Abercwmboi on Saturday to play against a side just below them in the division – it was a glorious spring day and the scene was set for an entertaining afternoon.

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For the first 10 minutes, the home side did not leave their own half. Barry were exerting pressure on the Abercwmboi defence, creating plenty of opportunities for the backs to exploit the situation.

The visiting pack was playing aggressively in lineout, scrummage, ruck and maul with Jones, Hunt and O'Sullivan to the fore.

The three-quarters, however, showed very little imagination to break the home defensive lines, persisting in shuffling the ball across the field with the inevitable result that the wings were being crowded into touch.

Barry failed to maximise on their superior possession and territorial advantage.

Abercwmboi eventually gained a toe-hold in the opposition half and made the most of their chance.

While there may have been some dubious refereeing decisions along the way, the home side secured a valuable converted try against the run of play.

Barry struck back within minutes with a well-struck penalty to make the score 7-10 before the referee signalled the end of the first session.

The second half began with an invigorated home side soon on the attack. Whether it was fitness, leadership or lack of ambition, Barry seemed to have little answer to the much improved play of the opposition.

The difference in the approach of the sides was soon demonstrated when the visitors kicked speculatively ahead.

Abercwmboi returned the ball with interest, leaving the Barry full-back stranded near his own line. He had no help from any covering player and was inundated by the more alert home attackers.

The inevitable result was a penalty that was dispatched by the home team kicker.

Barry did get a glimmer of hope when the pack decided to rumble forward from a set scrum, which forced Abercwmboi to commit a yellow card offence.

After several attempts at a pushover try, they eventually succeeded with a try by H Jones from short range. After the conversion failed, the home side again returned to the fray with more urgency and verve than Barry, getting due reward from a penalty following a yellow card for the visiting captain.

This concluded an afternoon that promised much but provided little.

Team: Ryan, Taylor, Busitil, Cummings, Provis, Hardy, Lee, Hunt, A Evans, Gee, King, J Evans, O'Sullivan, Harrison, H Jones, Morgan, Elsworth, L Jones, Williams.

This Saturday, Barry host high flying Pontyclun at 2.30pm on the Reservoir Field.

CO

It is the magnificent seven for Sully team!

SULLY entertained Island Marine on the weekend.

On a sunny but windy day, Sully choose to play with the wind first half.

Sully were forced into an early change when a muscle pull to Dafydd Brown saw him unable to continue, and he was replaced by Kieran Jones on the right hand side of midfield.

It turned out to be a fortunate switch, as Kieran linked up well with Daniel Reid, who drilled the ball in, which was met by Spencer Lamb who, from three yards, couldn't miss and put Sully a goal up.

Sully soon increased their lead to make it 2–0 and Daniel Reid was soon rewarded for his hard work with a goal of his own.

With his pace causing problems all afternoon, he found himself one on one following a through ball and calmly slotted home.

Sully almost added a fourth when Mike Lewis rounded the keeper, only to see the ball bounce off the top of the crossbar.

With the half drawing to an end, a long ball caused confusion between Sully goal keeper Ben Gillespie and the centre half, allowing the Island striker to latch onto the loose ball and tap into the empty net.

Island pulled an early goal back in the second half, and with the majority of the second half still to play, Sully needed to stay calm.

Hard work from Sully saw them rewarded with two quick goals.

The first came from Spencer, who rounded the keeper following a one on one and slotted home, while Sully's fifth came when a corner was swung in to be met by Kevin Ball to smash home from four yards.

Spencer completed his hat trick when Daniel Reid's pace once again caused problems and he was brought down in the box by the keeper.

Up stepped Spencer to slot the ball home.

Sully made it seven when a great run by Wesley Lamb saw him brought down in the box.

Alun Owen sent the keeper the wrong way to complete the scoring for a final score of 7–2.

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School's Tae Kwon Do event

Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the first of a series of six Welsh Masters grand prix events recently. Pictured are: Morganne Gomez Jones, Bradley Halford, Jamie Halford, Matthew Bennett. Charlotte Sullivan, Lucy Newman, Thomas Haysham, Shannon Haysham. Cameron Williams, Cian Allen, Dafydd Jones, Demi Baker, Ollie Tipples and Hayley Mattey. Missing is Liam Rees.

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 29 TO SEE HOW THEY GOT ON.

Dinas Powys grab share of the points

AN over-physical game that could be described as scrappy at best, and it was no real surprise that Dinas lost two players through injury.

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Dinas Powys	1
Newcastle Emlyn	1

With a player also sent off, their squad could well be depleted over the next few games.

The visitors took the game to Dinas early on with the home side failing to match them physically, and they took the lead after ten minutes.

Dinas keeper Dave Burnett did well to deflect a shot on goal behind for a corner and when the ball was only cleared to the edge of the area, Jody Thomas volleyed the ball back across goal and high into the net for the opener.

A couple of minutes later things got worse for the home side when they lost influential defender Danny Street through a bad tackle, the offender lucky to get away with just a booking.

Forward Mark Dunford came on for Street, with manager Marc Cahill forced to reshuffle his players, but to their credit they fought back.

Barrie Gunstone headed over and the same player shot wide when a corner fell to him on the edge of the area.

Ten minutes before half-time, Dinas got the equaliser when a Steve Provis long throw was headed on by Barrie Gunstone for Gareth Tedstone to score with a low shot from close range.

The small crowd may have thought that things could only get better, but they were wrong and the game deteriorated even further during a poor second half, with the referee having to use the yellow card on too many occasions.

Newcastle Emlyn's Anthony Owens should have taken advantage of a slip in the Dinas defence but shot wide from only twelve yards, and for Dinas Gareth Tedstone could only head over the crossbar when a corner found him free at the far post.

Seven minutes from time Barrie Gunstone saw red for a second booking, and with captain Ricki Morgan having to go off injured, a draw was probably a good result from a poor game.

Squad: Dave Burnett, Rhodri Foote, Danny Street, Stephen Provis, Dave Penikett, Jon Carpentier, Ricki Morgan, Liam Jones, Barry Gunstone, Gareth Tedstone, Ben Dimond. Subs: Michael Hayward, Rhys Davies, Rafeeq Kaid, Mark Dunford, Manny Djornor.

Next game: Welsh League Division Two, Saturday, April 9, Ton Pentre v Dinas Powys, kick off 2.30pm.

For further news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

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DINAS UNDER-15 A TEAM SUCCESS

THE under-15A team beat Cogan 5–0 in the cup semi-final at Barry Sports Centre.

The final will be a repeat of last year's, and will see a rematch between Dinas and Holton Road; the date is yet to be decided.

Well done, boys!

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